



An election poster for Hamid Karzai's chief rival, Abdullah Abdullah, in Kabul on Monday.
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Karzai loses a third of his election tally

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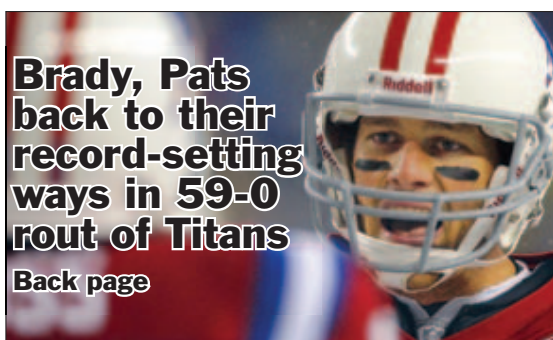
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54%

Karzai's preliminary share of the votes after the election

48.3%

His current share, based on an independent count by Democracy International



Brady, Pats back to their record-setting ways in 59-0 rout of Titans

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President's advisers split on reconciliation of some Taliban

By KAREN DEYOUNG
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — "Not every Taliban is an extremist ally," Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said last week. One of the primary tasks of President Barack Obama's Afghanistan strategy review, she said, is "trying to sort out who is the real enemy."

Trying to persuade those insurgents deemed less extreme to lay down their arms or switch sides will be a major component of the Obama administration's new approach, regardless of whether the president approves the massive troop deployments requested by his military commander, according to adminis-

tration officials.

But sorting the "reconcilables" — what the U.S. military calls the "little T" — from the "big T" of hard-core Taliban members is no small task. Even if the Americans and Europeans are able to tell them apart, neither they nor the Afghan government have a comprehensive plan to persuade them to stop fighting.

And many analysts, particularly in the CIA, do not believe that a substantial "little T" exists among what the agency estimates is a total of about 25,000 fighters in the Afghan Taliban and related insurgent groups. "Small pockets of Taliban members may be convinced under certain conditions to enter into such a process," a U.S. counter-

terrorism official said, but "it's an uphill battle for most."

"I'm not saying you can't buy off a few guys or get a faction to turn," he added, speaking on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak on the record. "But as a general matter, our view is that it would be a very difficult thing to accomplish." The prospects for reconciliation, he said, are "dim and grim."

Others within the administration and the military are convinced that many fighters, even if culturally and religiously attuned to the Taliban, are doing a job that they might abandon for more money.

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QUOTE
OF THE DAY

"As a convicted murderer, he shouldn't be allowed to keep his title as a priest."

— Lee Pahl on the Rev. Gerald Robinson, who was convicted in 2006 of stabbing and strangling Pahl's aunt, a nun, to death in a Toledo hospital chapel. Robinson, who has not been defrocked, now says he is innocent.

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Adm. Willard takes PACOM helm

By KEVIN BARON
Stars and Stripes

HONOLULU — Secretary of Defense Robert Gates and several of the nation's top military leaders bid farewell Monday to Adm. Timothy Keating, the silver-haired, affable leader of Pacific Command for the past two and a half years.

"Thank you for your service to your Navy and our country," said Gates, during a brief change-of-command ceremony on Monday overlooking breezy Pearl Harbor. "I hope you have better luck with retirement than I did," he joked.

At the command's headquarters, a stunning mountain top vista of Oahu, a trio of sailors lowered Keating's flag and raised the colors of a new commander, Adm. Robert F. Willard. Keating choked up as he made a brief round of thank yous and, after passing command to Willard, stood at attention with a hefty sigh.

Gates said PACOM, the largest of six mili-



tary combatant commands, "has its share of challenges," including keeping watch over 36 countries, more than half the world's population. Keating presided over roughly 30,000 servicemembers supporting the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, including five carrier strike groups and the 44 ships participating in three expeditionary strike groups. Also during Keating's tenure, the U.S. shot down a failing satellite, pushed ahead with missile defense, and sailed aid to millions displaced by tsunamis and other natural disasters.

The senior U.S. military servicemember, Joint Chiefs Chairman Adm. Mike Mullen,

also flew to Hawaii for the ceremony, which included several military and civilian international dignitaries, from Hawaii Gov. Linda Lingle to current and former high-ranking Asian defense ministers.

Willard said he was "honored" to take the helm after previously commanding the Pacific Fleet. Willard is a 1973 U.S. Naval Academy graduate and F-14 aviator who was executive operations officer of Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN). He also commanded the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln and was most recently Pacific Fleet commander.

"Two and half years ago I was standing in this exact spot, welcoming Admiral Keating as commander of Pacific Command, and I must tell you I never dreamed I would be here to see him off," Gates said, drawing laughs. Willard said the secretary could well be there for his own relief two years from now.

"Not a chance," Gates said. "But then, I've said that before too."

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Taliban: Some hope to divide 'good' from 'bad' Taliban

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"Our analysis," and that of the Afghan government, Clinton said in an interview with ABC's "Nightline," is that "there are people, quote 'Taliban,' who are hiding because they get paid to fight. They have no other way of making a living ... (and) get paid more to be in the Taliban than they get paid to be, like, say, a local police officer."

As it did in Iraq, where Sunni insurgents were given \$300 a month to join U.S.-backed neighborhood security forces, the military is developing a program to put lapsed Afghan insurgents on the payroll,

albeit at a cheaper rate than the Iraqis.

"Economic opportunity, especially job creation, is a critical part of reintegrating the foot-soldier into normal life," Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the U.S. commander in Afghanistan, wrote in an assessment of the deteriorating war delivered to Obama last month.

"As coalition operations proceed," he wrote, "insurgents will have three choices: fight, flee or reintegrate. ISAF (the International Security Assistance Force) must identify opportunities to reintegrate former mid-to low-level insurgent fighters into normal society by offering them a way out" with "reasonable incentives ... possibly including the provision of employment and protection."

The authority to give insurgents the option of being "killed, captured or reintegrated" would be decentralized to ISAF field commanders, in coordination with the Afghan government.

A number of experts said McChrystal has too few troops to credibly promise any of those choices. Obama, they argued, cannot achieve reconciliation or reintegration without committing

to a larger U.S. force.

Reconciliation does require "distinguishing the 'good' Taliban from the 'bad,'" Afghanistan expert Michael Semple wrote in Foreign Affairs magazine this summer. But the insurgent movement "contains legions of men who fight for reasons that have nothing to do with Islamic zealotry. For many, insurgency is a way of life. ... And even if many fighters are fundamentally nonideological, membership in an insurgent network — in which elders and peers tell them that opposing foreign forces is virtuous — offers a kind of respectability."

Semple noted that scores of Taliban leaders — some now in the Afghan government — defected between 2002 and 2004, when the United States had military momentum and Taliban forces were on the run.

But experts, some of whom have briefed Obama or his senior advisers, differ on how to approach the ranks of insurgent leaders from just below the top political level to the local commanders who control their own valley or village.

One senior U.S. military official, among the relative few to question

McChrystal's call for more troops deployed to Afghan population centers, said no Afghan-wide reintegration plan was likely to succeed. Rather than beginning with a dubious threat of overwhelming force, he advised, reconciliation should start from the bottom up, he advised, with groups of trained military and intelligence specialists who understand the country's cultural and ethnic disparities engaging in the painstaking work of making local deals.

Others suggest a top-down strategy in which respected Afghans within or outside the government negotiate with more senior insurgent leaders, possibly at their headquarters in Pakistan.

Still others believe that the United States and its allies have deceived themselves into thinking the Taliban and its allies can be broken into pieces by either carrots or sticks.

"Take the Taliban seriously," said Gilles Dorransoro of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. "Stop thinking that they are this kind of losers. These guys are really, really good ... they know why they are fighting."

Correction

An Oct. 18 story about international child abductions should have said Christopher Savoie was arrested by Japanese police on suspicion of abduction of minors. He was not formally charged.

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Karzai loses third of votes; runoff looms

By HEIDI VOGT

The Associated Press

KABUL — U.N.-backed fraud investigators on Monday threw out nearly a third of President Hamid Karzai's ballots from Afghanistan's disputed August election, setting the stage for a runoff.

The rulings dropped Karzai's votes to 48 percent of the total, below the 50 percent threshold needed for him to avoid a runoff with his top challenger, according to calculations by independent election monitors.

It was unclear, however, whether the Afghan-led Independent Election Commission would accept the findings of the fraud panel and announce a runoff. Karzai's spokesman said it was too soon to make a judgment based on the figures released by the panel.

That could mean a further delay in forming a new government that the U.S. believes is needed to help combat the growing Taliban insurgency. A protracted crisis could also lead to political unrest.

The White House has also said no decision on sending more U.S. troops to Afghanistan would be made before the election crisis is resolved — a stance reiterated by the civilian chief of the NATO military alliance on Monday.

U.S. Sen. John Kerry, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who was among a host of international envoys in Kabul on the weekend urging the president to accept the fraud rulings, returned Monday to resume meetings with Karzai, the U.S. Embassy said.

Two international officials familiar with the investigation by the U.N.-backed Electoral Complaints Commission said the findings showed Karzai falling below the 50 percent required to avoid



ABDUL KHALEQ/AP

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., right, walks at a bazaar with a Marine during his visit to the Garmser district of Helmand province in southern Afghanistan.

a runoff with his chief rival, former Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah.

An independent calculation by an election monitoring group, Democracy International, showed Karzai with 48.3 percent, or about 2.1 million votes, after more than 995,000 of his votes were thrown out for fraud.

Overall, about 1.3 million votes of the more than 5 million ballots cast were voided. Abdullah lost more than 201,000 votes, but his percentage rose to 31.5 percent from 27.8 percent previously.

Preliminary results released last month showed Karzai win-

ning the Aug. 20 election with more than 54 percent. However, allegations of voter coercion and ballot box-stuffing prompted the fraud investigation and held up a final proclamation of a winner.

Abdullah campaign spokesman Fazel Sancharaki welcomed the fraud panel's findings and said they showed Karzai's percentage of the vote was 48 percent.

"This is a step forward, now it is up to the IEC to announce the final results," Sancharaki said. He said it would be illegal for the IEC to reject the fraud panel's findings.

Karzai campaign spokesman

Waheed Omar said, "I don't think we can make any judgment based on the figures announced today."

Investigators only released raw data from their findings, but it was clear that hundreds of thousands of Karzai votes were voided.

Afghan law declares the U.N.-backed panel the final arbiter on fraud allegations. However, Karzai supporters on the election commission have argued that the partial recount is beyond the normal complaint process and that they must have a say in whether the findings are accepted.

Grant Kippen, chairman of the Electoral Complaints Com-

mission, said he did not see any legal way for the IEC to reject the results.

"Our decisions, our orders, are final and binding according to the law," Kippen said. "We've followed the law very clearly, very precisely. My sense is that the IEC is going to follow the law as well."

He declined to talk about whether the data showed the need for a runoff, saying it was up the IEC to make that call.

Hundreds of Karzai supporters protested in the president's native southern province over the weekend, calling for the electoral commission to release results quickly and saying they will reject a second round.

They gathered in the main street of the southeastern city of Spin Boldak on Sunday, shouting, "We want the result!" and "Karzai is our leader!"

The White House says President Barack Obama will not send more U.S. troops until a credible government is in place.

"There is a need for rapid decisions (but) it's important to stress that there is a strong need for the international community to have a credible and accountable government in Kabul to deal with," NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen said in Brussels.

As the debate rages, deadly fighting continues.

On Monday, Taliban militants set fire to 15 trucks carrying supplies to a military base in eastern Ghazni province, according to local official Sahib Khan. Afghan security guards killed two militants during the fighting.

Two Afghan security troopers were killed in a gunbattle overnight with Taliban fighters near Ghazni city, provincial spokesman Ismail Jahangir said.

Baghdad strikes continue as bus, restaurant bombs kill 4

By BUSHRA JUHI

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Bombs targeting a take-out restaurant and a commuter bus in the Iraqi capital killed at least four people Monday, highlighting the continuing challenge to Iraqi forces of maintaining security in the country.

The two bombings and another at a cafe in Baghdad on Sunday suggest that insurgents are taking advantage of the transition from U.S. forces to Iraqi security that happened at the end of June to stage attacks.

A bomb explosion at the Shatt al-Arab kebab shop in southwestern Baghdad killed at least two people, said police. The blast in the mixed predominantly Shiite district of Bayaa also wounded four people.

A few hours later, a bomb attached to a minibus exploded during afternoon rush hour in the city's northern Shaab district, killing two people and wounding nine others, said police. The minibus was carrying commuters from the capital's central bus station.

A day earlier, a bomb attached to a mo-

torcycle exploded near a popular cafe in a largely Sunni district of Baghdad, killing five people, authorities said.

The bombings come as the U.S. military has begun winding down operations ahead of its withdrawal of combat troops on Aug. 31, 2010. A U.S.-Iraqi security pact requires all American troops to withdraw by the end of 2011.

Elsewhere Monday, gunmen killed a senior police official in Mosul, another police official said.

The officials all spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release the information to the media.

Also on Monday, the U.S. military said an American soldier was killed in a vehicle accident near Mosul.

The military says the Multi-National Division-North soldier was killed Sunday five miles west of the city.

The name of the soldier is being withheld pending notification of next of kin. The military said in a statement released Monday that the accident is under investigation.



HADI MIZBAN/AP

An Iraqi man stands by a damaged cafe after a bombing on Monday in the Adhamiyah area of Baghdad.

Supplies party



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Sailors aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS McCampbell guide stores from Military Sealift Command fleet replenishment oiler USNS Pecos to the deck during an underway replenishment in the South China Sea on Saturday. The McCampbell is one of seven Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyers assigned to Destroyer Squadron 15, and is permanently forward-deployed to Yokosuka, Japan.

Yokosuka readies Halloween festival

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — The base will host a Halloween carnival 5:30-10 p.m. Saturday at Purdy Gym. The event costs \$3 per child and is recommended for ages 9 and under. Activities include air toys, crafts, clowns, a magician, hayrides, mini-haunted house and a costume contest.

A PG-13 rated haunted house

will also be at Kinnick High School from 6 to 8 p.m. The house costs \$4 per trip.

Atsugi MWR to host travel fair at Club Trilogy

ATSUGI NAVAL AIR FACILITY, Japan — Morale, Welfare and Recreation will hold a travel fair Nov. 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the base's Club Trilogy. Travel companies from around the world will showcase their latest travel pack-

ages. For more information, call DSN 264-3770.

Base's Teen Center to hold food drive

ATSUGI NAVAL AIR FACILITY, Japan — The base's Teen Center will kick off a food drive Nov. 18 at 3:30 p.m. Collection boxes will be available Nov. 18-24 in front of the Child and Youth Programs building.

Nonperishable items may also

Source: U.S. would consider tweaking runway at Schwab

Japan officials hopeful U.S. will be flexible in new negotiations

By CHIYOMI SUMIDA
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Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Ahead of Defense Secretary Robert Gates' visit to Japan, a senior Pentagon official suggested the U.S. would consider moving planned runways at Camp Schwab on Okinawa 50 yards farther offshore if the Japanese government were to raise the possibility.

"Should the government of Japan propose that," the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity, "... we will certainly consider it within the framework of the agreement that we have."

Tokyo and Okinawa leaders welcomed the news Monday as an indicator Washington is willing to show flexibility on the 2006 bilateral agreement that includes the move to Schwab.

Japan's Chief Cabinet Secretary Hirofumi Hirano believes both governments will take a flexible approach to settle the issue, a spokesman for Hirano told Stars and Stripes.

On Okinawa, Gov. Hirokazu Nakaima backed the rumored proposal, saying it would be moving in a direction he has sought, according to his spokesman.

Nago Mayor Yoshikazu Shimabukuro also supported the idea.

"Pushing the site farther offshore has been our demand from the beginning," a spokesman quoted the mayor as saying. "I feel that the proposal is a sign for the United States to show consideration to our voice."

Gates was expected to address the realignment of U.S. forces in Japan, including relocating operations of Marine Corps Air Station Futenma to Camp Schwab in the rural northern part of Okinawa. His two-day stop is ahead of President Barack Obama's

planned visit next month.

Although U.S. officials are pushing for a decision on Futenma before Obama's arrival, that prospect seems unlikely.

Japanese Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama told reporters Friday that he would put off his decision on the runway until next year, possibly not until the summer, several Japanese newspapers reported Saturday.

He was quoted by the Okinawa Times as saying the decision must be made between Nago's mayoral election in January and the governor's election next November.

On Monday, a spokesman for the prime minister would neither confirm nor deny the reports, saying Hatoyama spoke during an unofficial talk with reporters at his residence.

The prime minister's reported comments nevertheless drew criticism from Okinawa leaders.

"Holding a decision until after the Nago mayor election means that he is forcing people in Nago and Okinawa to [continue to] go through this painful experience," Naha Mayor Takeshi Onaga said, according to his spokesman. "What he is doing is to use Okinawan people as a testing ground."

While Shimabukuro supports the air facility plan, his opponent Susumu Inamine said last week that demanding to move the air facility outside Okinawa would be his major campaign promise. Inamine's campaign manager Masaki Kamiyama told Stars and Stripes on Monday.

"He would urge the government to keep their words to move the facility outside Okinawa, or better yet outside Japan," Kamiyama said.

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"Pushing the site farther offshore has been our demand from the beginning."

Spokesman for Nago Mayor
Yoshikazu Shimabukuro

be dropped off at the Child Development Center, Teen Center, Youth Center or Feed the Need office. For more information, call DSN 264-4670.

Base looks for families to host sailor for holiday

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — Yokosuka Naval Base is looking for families willing to host single sailors in their homes for Thanksgiving.

Interested families can download an application form from the Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka Web site.

Applications must be signed and faxed to DSN 243-5088 by Nov. 16.

A lottery will be held to select the hosting families, who will then be notified by the CFAY Adopt-A-Sailor program. For more information, call DSN 243-5774.

From staff reports

VMI still evolving

12 years after accepting women, school mixing new goals with old ways

By DANIEL DE VISE
The Washington Post

LEXINGTON, Va. — Freshmen at Virginia Military Institute are called rats. And on this morning, they are up before the sun. One by one, they emerge through a stone archway beneath the gothic parapets of their barracks, salute a statue of Confederate Gen. Stonewall Jackson, fall into columns by height and march east to the mess hall for a breakfast of bacon, eggs and bellowing.

Inside, first-year cadets sit as straight as their chair backs and speak only in loud formalities: "BROTHER RAT, PLEASE PASS THE SALT." The slightest lapse can unleash a torrent of verbal abuse from an upper-class cadet.

That is the VMI way. But leaders of Virginia's state-funded military school are learning whether a school steeped in the past can adjust to modern sensibilities, including the challenges of incorporating women into a warrior culture developed in the days when all brother rats were men.

VMI was the last all-male public college in the nation when, in 1997, it began admitting women at the demand of the U.S. Supreme Court. Last year, the U.S. Justice Department began investigating whether VMI's environment is especially hostile to women.

Allegations of sexual assault occur about once a year, typical for a school of this size, according to college officials. The first case to result in a criminal charge ended last week. In that case, a female cadet alleged that Stephen J. Lloyd, then a senior from Mason Neck, Va., pulled her into a storage room the night of March 27 and raped her. Lloyd no longer attends VMI. He entered an Alford plea, which means he did not admit guilt but acknowledged that there is enough evidence to convict him. The sentence: a year in jail and a \$2,500 fine, suspended.

Although the incident is a setback for VMI, the response might represent progress for the institute, said Judy Casteel, executive director of Project Horizon, a Lexington crisis intervention agency that trains VMI cadets and administrators to



Courtesy of VMI Communications and Marketing

Freshmen at Virginia Military Institute participate in Cadre Week, which includes numerous training activities, learning about the history of VMI and become familiar with the requirements of cadet life.

deal with sexual assault. "I think the fact that women feel safe enough to come forward is a really big deal."

Amid the changes, spartan traditions have endured since 1839.

Rats still sleep on wooden bed frames in barracks that lack air conditioning. Cadets wear the same wool overcoats, with split tails for horseback riding. They hew to the same old-school disciplinary model, which rewards no good deed but punishes every failure. They muster for the same reveille at 0700 and march into the morning sun.

"Outsiders ask, 'Why don't you just let them walk down and get breakfast?,'" said Col. Thomas Trumps, the commandant who leads the daily military regimen. "We could. But then it wouldn't be VMI."

For such a tradition-bound place, VMI and its 1,500 cadets are witnessing unprecedented flux. Gen. J.H. Binford Peay III, the school's superintendent since 2003, is leading a reinvention of the institute, called Vision 2039. With typical battle-plan zeal, Peay is pursuing 190 separate objectives.

The academic buildings have air conditioning. A new barracks and a conference and leadership center anchor a \$235 million construction plan.

The acceptance rate for freshmen was 54

percent this fall, compared with 74 percent in 1999. The freshman grade-point average has risen to 3.4 from 3.1. VMI's selectivity is improving relative to other schools: It ranks 62nd among U.S. liberal arts colleges in the latest annual rankings by U.S. News & World Report, its strongest showing to date.

The rate of student attrition — at a school that assigns push-ups by the hundreds — hovers at about 18 percent, down from the low 20s a decade ago. A new honors program yielded one of the nation's 32 Rhodes scholars last year, the second this decade for VMI. VMI exists to produce a time-honored product, the citizen soldier: capable, loyal, honest. Fifty-six percent of graduates accept military commissions, up from 35 percent a decade ago, signaling progress on another of Peay's initiatives.

Entering freshmen pay \$18,000 in tuition and fees (twice that if they are not Virginians) for the privilege of being broken and rebuilt. In the process, cadets learn to work together and form a lifetime bond.

"No person can make it through here alone," said John Bowman, a senior from Greenback, Tenn.

Shorn, stripped of identity and dubbed rats, the lowest form of life, new cadets race

through boot camp in nine days. They run up and down House Mountain, the imposing peak to the west. They have "sweat parties," calisthenics marathons supervised by senior cadets. They live without television, music or telephones and never stray from the rat line, an invisible path through the barracks.

Anyone who lies, cheats or steals or even tolerates such misconduct faces expulsion.

"I didn't think I'd make it through my first two weeks," said Bryant Youngblood, a senior from Hubbard, Ohio. "They wake you up at dawn, you go out and run. My freedoms were taken away. I felt like someone had to know where I was at every single moment."

When the women arrived, the institute made few accommodations. They hung shades on barracks doors, designed skirts for formal uniforms and installed tampon machines.

But the new first-year women still were called "brother rat."

"The young lady who has an interest in this kind of lifestyle, in this type of education, there's not a lot of them out there," said Trumps. "I'd send my son here, and I'd send my daughter here if she was tough. If she was tough."

Judge rules in favor of government on Guantanamo detainee documents

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A federal judge ruled Friday in a case on detainees at Guantanamo Bay that the government can maintain the secrecy of portions of some records that allegedly describe torture and abuse.

The American Civil Liberties Union has been seeking release of the material under the Freedom of Information Act on 14 detainees who went before U.S. military panels at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba.

U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth based his ruling on a 42-

page CIA affidavit asserting that the government was not concealing any violations of law when it classified parts of the detainees' statements.

The ACLU pointed out that the judge did not review the actual classified material before making his decision.

Lamberth said a court review of the actual documents in the case is unnecessary because the CIA's declaration is sufficiently detailed.

The court's ruling allows the government to protect current and former government officials

from accountability by continuing to suppress first-hand accounts of torture, Ben Wizner, staff attorney with the ACLU National Security Project, said in a statement.

In keeping some of the material secret, the government invoked exemptions in the FOIA that protect the identities of intelligence sources, intelligence methods and protect the confidentiality of records that have been properly designated as classified.

The material at issue in the lawsuit has been reviewed twice — once by the administration of

President George W. Bush and once by Barack Obama's administration, which went further

than the Bush administration by releasing additional material in its review.

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IN THE WORLD

Iran claiming Britain, U.S., Pakistan all tied to bombing

By ALI AKBAR DAREINI
The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — The chief of Iran's powerful Revolutionary Guard accused the United States, Britain and Pakistan on Monday of having links with Sunni militants responsible for a suicide bombing that killed five senior Guard commanders and 37 others.

Iran's president said those behind Sunday's bombing are hiding across the border in Pakistan, and in a phone call with his Pakistani counterpart on Monday he demanded their arrest.

The accusations put some strain on the normally close relationship between Iran and Pakistan, which have had differences over the issue of Islamic extremism in the past. Monday's statements marked the first time Iran has publicly accused its neighbor's intelligence service of supporting the Sunni rebel group known as Jundallah, or Soldiers of God.

The claims of U.S. and British interference came as those two nations were taking part in talks with Iranian officials over the country's nuclear program in Vienna. The accusations, however, were not expected to complicate the talks.

Jundallah, which emerged in 2002 in Iran's remote and mountainous southeast, has waged a low-level insurgency there to protest what it says is government persecution of the Baluchi ethnic minority.

A claim of responsibility in the name of the group



AP

Iranian medical personnel take an injured man to a medical center Sunday in the Pishin district in Iran. A suicide bomber killed five senior commanders of the Revolutionary Guard and dozens more near the Pakistani border.

was posted Monday on an Islamic Web site that usually publishes al-Qaida statements. The posting, whose authenticity could not be verified, made no mention of any assistance from foreign powers.

The group has carried out sporadic kidnappings and attacks in recent years — including targeting the Revolutionary Guard and Shiite civilians. In Sunday's attack, a suicide bomber with explosives strapped around his waist struck as senior Guard commanders were entering a sports complex to meet tribal leaders to discuss Sunni-Shiite cooperation in the Pishin district near the Pakistani border.

Revolutionary Guard chief Gen. Mohammad Ali Jafari vowed Monday to deliver a "crushing" response.

"New evidence has been obtained proving the link between yesterday's terrorist attack and the U.S., British and Pakistani intelligence services," state TV quoted Jafari as saying.

U.N. agency: Iran talks started well

By GEORGE JAHN
The Associated Press

VIENNA — Talks to persuade Iran to move most of its enriched uranium out of the country have gotten off to a "good start," the head of the U.N. nuclear agency said Monday.

The comments by Mohamed ElBaradei, who heads the International Atomic Energy Agency, were significant because Iran earlier had signaled it would not meet Western demands for a deal under which it would send most of its enriched material abroad — a move that would delay its ability to make a nuclear bomb.

Tehran has said it needs enriched uranium for nuclear fuel. But the West fears it could be used to make weapons, and the U.S. says Iran is now one to six years away from being able to do so.

Monday's Vienna talks between Iran and the U.S., Russia and France were focused on a technical issue with huge strategic ramifications — whether Iran is ready to farm out some of its uranium enrichment program to

a foreign country.

Progress would strengthen confidence on the part of the U.S. and five other big powers trying to persuade Iran to dispel fears about its nuclear program that this time Tehran is serious about reducing tensions.

ElBaradei appeared cautiously optimistic after the first day of closed meetings, saying most technical issues had been discussed and the parties would meet again Tuesday morning.

"We have had this afternoon quite a constructive meeting," ElBaradei said. "We are off to a good start."

The delegations said little as they left the meeting. The chief Iranian delegate, Ali Asghar Soltanieh, said only that he endorsed ElBaradei's comments.

Iranian agreement to ship out most of its enriched uranium would be significant because 2,205 pounds is the commonly accepted threshold of the amount of low-enriched uranium needed for production of weapons-grade uranium enriched to levels above 90 percent.

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Pakistan ramps up offensive

Deal struck with militant leaders

By ISHTIAQ MAHSUD
The Associated Press

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, Pakistan — Troops fought militants on three fronts and fighter jets bombed insurgent positions near the Afghan border Monday as Pakistan pressed ahead with an assault on the country's main Taliban and al-Qaida stronghold.

The army and the Pakistani Taliban have each claimed early victories in South Waziristan, a lawless, semiautonomous region that Islamist extremists use as a base to plot attacks on the Pakistani state, Western troops in Afghanistan and targets in the West.

As the offensive entered its third day, Pakistani intelligence officials revealed the army had reached prior agreements with two militant commanders — whose supporters are believed to be fighting U.S. forces in Afghanistan — to stay neutral during the assault.

That could trigger concern in Washington, which has been pushing Islamabad to launch the offensive, seen as the most crucial yet against militants who are in control of a large swath of Pakistan's northwestern frontier region. Militants have carried out a string of bloody attacks in recent weeks, including a 22-hour siege of army headquarters.

On Monday, U.S. Central Command chief Gen. David Petraeus met Pakistan's prime minister and army chief in the capital. U.S. Sen. John Kerry also met the two Pakistanis to try and ease tensions over an American aid bill that has caused a rift between Pakistan's army and civilian government.

Army spokesman Maj. Gen. Athar Abbas said 78 militants and nine soldiers have been killed since the offensive began Saturday. It is nearly impossible to independently verify what is going on in South Waziristan because the army is blocking access to it and surrounding towns.

Intelligence officials said the army before the offensive had reached verbal agreements with two militant commanders, Maulvi Nazir and Hafiz Gul Bahadur, aimed at ensuring they stay neutral during the offensive. In return, the army will not attack the men and their fighters, who concentrate on battling U.S. troops in Afghanistan, the officials said on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the information.

The offensive is focused on eliminating Pakistani Taliban



Ijaz Muhammad/AP

A Pakistani tribal family that fled a military offensive in South Waziristan passes through a checkpoint Monday near Bannu.

militants linked to the Mehsud tribe, who control about half of South Waziristan and are blamed for 80 percent of the suicide attacks that have battered Pakistan over the last three years.

The army wants to isolate the Mehsud tribe from others in the region, something many analysts say will be key to its success or failure as the army does not have the strength to take on all the groups in the region simultaneously. Pakistan troops have been beaten back from the mountainous region in South Waziristan three times since 2004.

Abbas said forces were moving deeper into militant-controlled territory from three directions Monday, taking rocket fire and fighting insurgents. Jets were making bombing runs in the Ladhra and Makeen areas, he said.

Some 30,000 troops are up against an estimated 10,000 Pakistani

militants and about 1,500 foreign fighters.

As many as 150,000 civilians have left the region in recent months after the army made clear it was planning an assault, but some 350,000 people may be left. Authorities say up to 200,000 people may flee in the coming weeks.

"The situation in Waziristan is getting worse and worse every day," said Haji Sherzad Mehsud as he lined up for aid in Dera Is-

mail Khan, a town near South Waziristan.

Accounts from residents and those fleeing Sunday suggested militant resistance was far tougher than in the Swat Valley, another northwest region where insurgents were overpowered earlier this year. Officials have said they envisage the operation will last two months, when winter weather will make fighting difficult.

S. Korean diplomat urges North to disarm

By HYUNG-JIN KIM
The Associated Press

SEOUL — South Korea's foreign minister called North Korea's uranium enrichment program "worrisome" and pressed the communist nation Monday to take real steps toward nuclear disarmament.

Last month, North Korea told the U.N. Security Council that it was in the final stages of enriching uranium, a process that would give the regime a second way to make atomic bombs in addition to its plutonium-based program.

On Monday, South Korean Foreign Minister Yu Myung-hwan said he believes the issue could be separately discussed at the United Nations. He did not elaborate.

North Korea has been reaching out to Seoul and Washington after raising tensions over its nuclear and missile programs, though it conducted short-range missile tests and warned of a naval clash with the South last week.

Yu said North Korea must first take "substantial" disarmament measures and promptly return to stalled six-party disarmament talks involving the two Koreas, the U.S., China, Russia and Japan.

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IN THE STATES

U.S. issues new medical pot policy

By DEVLIN BARRETT
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Marijuana-smoking patients or their sanctioned suppliers should not be targeted for U.S. prosecution in states that allow medical use of the drug, prosecutors were told Monday in a new policy memo issued by the Justice Department.

Under the policy spelled out in a three-page legal memo, federal prosecutors are being told it is not a good use of their time to arrest people who use or provide medical marijuana in strict compliance with state law.

The guidelines being issued by the department do, however, make it clear that federal agents will go after people whose marijuana distribution goes beyond what is permitted under state law or use medical marijuana as a cover for other crimes.

The memo advises prosecutors they "should not focus federal resources in your states on individuals whose actions are in clear and unambiguous compliance with existing state laws providing for the medical use of marijuana."

The new policy is a significant

departure from the Bush administration, which insisted it would continue to enforce federal anti-pot laws regardless of state codes.

"It will not be a priority to use federal resources to prosecute patients with serious illnesses or their caregivers who are complying with state laws on medical marijuana, but we will not tolerate drug traffickers who hide behind claims of compliance with state law to mask activities that are clearly illegal," Attorney General Eric Holder said in a statement.

Fourteen states allow some use of marijuana for medical purposes, among them California.

California stands out for the widespread presence of dispensaries — businesses that sell marijuana and even advertise it. Colorado also has several dispensaries, and Rhode Island and New Mexico are in the process of licensing providers, according to the Marijuana Policy Project, a group that promotes the decriminalization of marijuana use.

Holder said in March that he wanted federal law enforcement officials to pursue those who violate both federal and state law, but it has not been clear how that goal

New approach to medical marijuana

Under the Bush administration, the Justice Department declared it would uphold the federal law banning any use of marijuana over state codes allowing doctors to prescribe it.

Under the new policy, federal resources should not be used to investigate or prosecute those using marijuana under a doctor's supervision.



would be put into practice.

The memo spelling out the policy was sent Monday to federal prosecutors in the 14 states, and also to top officials at the FBI and Drug Enforcement Administration.

Bernanke calls on U.S. to trim deficit

By JEANNINE AVERSA
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke on Monday called for the United States to whittle down its record-high budget deficits and for countries like China to get their consumers to spend more, moves that would help combat skewed global trade and investment flows that contributed to the financial crisis.

Bernanke's remarks to a Fed conference in Santa Barbara, Calif., comes just days after the federal government on Friday reported a \$1.42 trillion deficit for 2009 budget year that ended Sept. 30. The previous year's deficit was \$459 billion.

"As the global economy recovers and trade volumes rebound, however, global imbalances may reassert themselves," Bernanke warned. For the United States' part, "the most effective way" to boost national savings in this country "is by establishing a sustainable fiscal trajectory, anchored by a clear commitment to substantially reduce federal deficits over time," Bernanke said. He didn't suggest ways to do so.

And, for trade surplus coun-

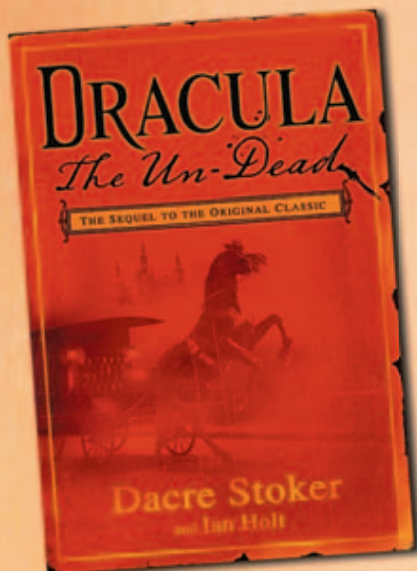


AP

Federal Reserve Board Chairman Ben Bernanke testifies before the House Financial Services Committee in Washington in October. He has called for the U.S. to begin trimming its massive budget deficit.

tries like China and most Asian economies, they need to get their consumers to spend more and rely less on export-led growth, Bernanke said.

In terms of the world economy, "Asia appears to be leading the global recovery," Bernanke said. "Recent data from the region suggest that a strong rebound is, in fact, under way."



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Jailed priest now denies murdering nun

The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A Roman Catholic priest imprisoned for killing a nun 29 years ago told a newspaper that he is innocent, but a prosecutor and the victim's nephew wondered why he is only making the claim now.

The Rev. Gerald Robinson, now 71, was convicted in 2006 for killing Sister Margaret Ann Pahl in 1980 by strangling her and stabbing her 31 times in a Toledo hospital chapel. Church historians have said it's the only documented case of a Catholic priest

killing a nun.

"I didn't do this," Robinson told The Columbus Dispatch for Sunday editions. "I have no idea why anyone would do it."

Robinson was sentenced to a mandatory term of 15 years to life in prison.

Lee Pahl, the nun's nephew, said he believed at the trial that Robinson was the killer and continues to believe it. He's also bothered that Robinson, who retired as a priest in 2004, has not been defrocked.

"As a convicted murderer, he shouldn't be allowed to keep his

title as a priest," Pahl said.

The lead prosecutor said Robinson should have made his claim in court.

"For him now to come out and say he didn't do it — I would say to him, 'You missed your chance to say that when it counted,'" said Dean Mandros. "He didn't take the stand because he knew he couldn't answer the (critical) questions."

Lawyers for the Ohio Innocence Project are continuing tests to determine whether DNA under Pahl's fingernails matches someone else. The DNA doesn't

match Robinson, and it also didn't match the Rev. Jerome Swiatecki, the late priest whom Robinson's attorneys believed should have been a suspect.

An 8-inch letter opener that was a gift to Robinson became the central piece of evidence that prosecutors used to tie him to the crime.

Robinson was charged with murder in 2004 after questioning by cold-case detectives.

"To my knowledge, they just wanted to have a case — a name. I don't have any reason why," Robinson said.

He said he was surprised by what came out at the trial.

"I couldn't believe it, the dramatics at what came out in the end by the prosecutors. I was surprised by a lot of the things those witnesses said at the trial," Robinson said.

Robinson said other prisoners in the Hocking Correctional Facility call him "Father" and tell him their sins.

"They know what I am," Robinson said. "They know why I am here. My case is no secret. It never was."

Delaware diocese seeks bankruptcy protection

By BRIAN WITTE

The Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — A sex abuse case against Delaware's Catholic Diocese of Wilmington and a former priest will be delayed after the church filed for federal bankruptcy protection on the eve of proceedings.

The bankruptcy filing late Sunday automatically delays the case that had been set to start Monday in Kent County Superior Court, the first of eight consecutive abuse trials scheduled in Delaware.

"This is a painful decision, one that I had hoped and prayed I would never have to make," said the Rev. W. Francis Malooly, the bishop of the diocese, on its Web site.

Wilmington is the seventh U.S. Catholic diocese to seek Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection since scandal erupted seven years ago in the Archdiocese of Boston.



AP

The Rev. W. Francis Malooly prepares to celebrate Mass in June 2007. The Delaware diocese has filed for federal bankruptcy protection on the eve of a civil trial in a sex abuse case.

The diocese covers Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Mary-

land and serves about 230,000.

Thomas Neuberger, an attorney

representing 88 alleged victims, described the bankruptcy filing as a "desperate effort to hide the truth from the public and conceal the thousands of pages of scandalous documents" from being made public in court.

"This filing is the latest, sad chapter in the diocese's decades long 'cover-up' of these despicable crimes, to maintain the secrecy surrounding its responsibility and complicity in the sexual abuse of hundreds of Catholic children," Neuberger said in a statement.

Monday's case would have been the first to come to trial under a Delaware law that created a two-year "lookback" window that allowed claims of abuse to be brought regardless of statute of limitations rules.

More than 100 lawsuits were filed before the period ended this summer, with four being settled. The diocese has paid more than \$6.2 million to settle claims.

Charges dropped for one in beating

CHICAGO — Prosecutors in Chicago have dropped the first-degree murder charge filed against one of four teens accused of beating a student to death after school last month.

The Cook County state's attorney's office had charged 18-year-old Eugene Bailey, but authorities announced Monday they've dropped the charge and he's being released from custody.

Three other teens are still facing charges in the melee captured on a cell phone video. The video shows a group striking 16-year-old Derrion Albert with boards and kicking him as he lay on a sidewalk.

From The Associated Press

Balloon hoax charges not expected until next week

By P. SOLOMON BANDA

The Associated Press

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — Authorities investigating the family accused of perpetrating a hoax over their son's feared disappearance in a balloon to promote a reality show said Monday they don't expect to bring possible charges until at least next week.

Larimer County sheriff's spokeswoman Eloise Campanella said that investigators don't anticipate finishing their reports and presenting them to the district attorney's office until next week. It will then be up to prosecutors to decide whether to file charges against Richard Heene or his wife, Mayumi.

The 6-year-old boy, Falcon, was never in the flying saucer-shaped balloon, which flew unmanned for 50 miles. His family said they discovered he had been hiding in the family's garage.

The couple's lawyer, David Lane, said earlier in the day that he expected charges to be filed by Wednesday. With television cameras and reporters set up outside the Heene home, Lane has stressed that the Heenes are will-



Will Powers/AP

Richard Heene walks back to his home Monday in Fort Collins, Colo. Authorities said Monday that they don't expect to bring possible charges until next week.

ing to turn themselves in to avoid the spectacle of a public arrest.

Lane declined to say directly whether he believes the incident was a hoax but said the Heenes are innocent unless convicted. The family remained in seclusion

Monday at their home.

"If they (prosecutors) can prove their case beyond a reasonable doubt, that's one thing. If they can't prove their case beyond a reasonable doubt, that's another," he told The Associated Press.

Investigators also say they want to question an associate of Richard Heene after e-mails surfaced showing the two had discussed a balloon hoax months ago as part of a public relations campaign for the reality show.

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EDUCATION

Budget cuts shrinking college classrooms

By TERENCE CHEA
AND JUSTIN POPE
The Associated Press

It isn't just tuition increases that are driving up the cost of college. Around the country, deep budget cuts are forcing colleges to lay off instructors and eliminate some classes, making it harder for students to get into the courses they need to earn their degree.

The likely result: more time in college.

While that may sound agreeable to nostalgic alumni, to students like Michael Redoglia, time is money.

Early this semester at San Francisco State University, Redoglia unsuccessfully crashed 26 different classes, hoping to find space that would move him closer to a hospitality management degree. Outside some classrooms, wait-listed students took turns standing closest to the door so they could hear the lecture and not fall too far behind should they get in.

Redoglia, a fourth-year student, is now enrolled in just two courses. He could lose financial aid, and his plan to finish his degree in 4½ years is up in smoke.

"This semester has put me back another full year," said Redoglia, adding that the delay is "killing me financially."

Policymakers right up to President Barack Obama have been calling on public colleges to move students through more efficiently, and some have been doing so. But experts say any recent progress is threatened by unprecedented state budget cuts that have trimmed course offerings.

"They will not graduate on time. I hope they will graduate at all," said David Bagins, who as chairman of political science at Cal State University-East Bay has been bombarded with requests for spots in already packed classes.

"Before, there was always a way to help the student who really needed help." This year, "all I can do is say no."

Some students struggle for places in the core entry-level classes such as composition and math because the part-time instructors who typically teach those courses are the first to be laid off in tough times. Other students are shut out of crowded core courses in their majors by upperclassmen.

Some upperclassmen face an even tougher road: The upper-level classes they need have been cut entirely because they

aren't popular enough.

A federal study of 1999-2000 graduates found it takes students roughly 4.5 years on average to earn a bachelor's degree. About two-thirds of traditional-age college students who finished got through within five.

In the 450,000-student California State system — the nation's largest public university system — the average is longer, in part because of large numbers of low-income, part-time and transfer students. A 2007 study of students who entered 12 years earlier found they took an average of 5.7 years. Officials say that number was probably falling slightly before the current cuts hit.

To help students get the courses they need to graduate, the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill raised enrollment caps on some English and foreign language classes from 19 to 24. The University of Kansas also increased some class sizes — but offered fewer sections of a big introductory chemistry course.

At Central Oregon Community College in Bend, Ore., where enrollment has grown over 60 percent in the past three years, nearly 400 students don't have even one of the courses they requested. Many of the school's worker retraining



Students stand in the back row of a filled chemistry class at California State University East Bay in Hayward, Calif., on Sept. 23. Deep budget cuts are trapping more college students in a kind of enrollment purgatory, where they can't get seats in the courses they need to move toward a degree.

ERIC RISBERG/AP



programs consist of classes to be taken in sequence, so students who can't get slots could be stuck until next fall.

The 23-campus Cal State system has raised tuition more than 30 percent, increased class sizes, laid off hundreds of teachers and cut thousands of class sections in response to a 20 percent state budget cut.

Around the country, the belt-tightening has made the usual begging and pleading to make more space especially urgent.

"Some of them are more open — they understand you're trying to get into classes you need," said Haley Sink, a sophomore at Virginia Tech from Kernersville, N.C., who failed to get into several classes. "Others say, 'I absolutely cannot handle more students.'"

Money isn't necessarily the only problem, some experts say. Patrick Callan, president of the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education, said universities focus too much on prestigious but unessential graduate programs at the expense of the undergraduate basics. Others



want professors pushed harder to teach essential courses instead of their own boutique interests — and students to accept more unpopular, early morning slots.

But some students say they are out of choices.

Sherrie Canedo, a fifth-year senior at Cal State-East Bay, was recently told she could finish her ethnic studies degree through independent study because most of the courses she needs were eliminated.

"I don't feel that's an acceptable way to learn," said Canedo, who is working two jobs and trying to string together enough financial aid to finish her education. "I'm paying to be taught in a classroom."

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‘Simpsons’ fans: Create a character

“The Simpsons” is giving one lucky contest winner the chance to make others yellow with envy by creating a character for the animated TV series.

The new Springfield resident will appear in an early 2010 episode featuring Chris Martin of Coldplay as guest star.

The contest, part of the Fox show’s 20th-anniversary celebration, is for those 18 and older. It runs until 11:59 p.m. EDT on Oct. 24.

Online submissions at thesimpsons.com should be “pithy and funny,” said executive producer Al Jean, who will help judge them along with series creator Matt Groening.

The winner gets a trip to Los Angeles to work with producers and the show’s animation director. The top entry will be announced in

mid-November.

Entries are expected to describe the character’s traits, including his or her name or nickname; age; appearance; occupation and catch phrases (think Homer Simpson and “D’oh!”).

“It’s gotta be a human being. We’ve narrowed it down that much,” Jean said.

The proposed character should have a typical “Simpsons” overbite and be yellow or another hue found in the Springfield universe.

The contest is a tip of the hat to fans, Jean said. “We can’t thank them enough,” he said.

The contest’s winning character, to be drawn by series animators, could pop up in more than one episode, Jean added.

— The Associated Press



FOX

“The Simpsons” is giving fans a chance to create a character.

Hatch completes jail sentence

Reality TV contestant Richard Hatch was released from a Massachusetts jail early Friday after completing a federal sentence for evading taxes on the \$1 million he won during the CBS reality show’s first season.

Hatch, who won the first season of “Survivor,” is living with his sister, who declined to comment Friday and instructed a reporter to leave the property.

Hatch, 48, now faces three years of supervised release. He won’t be able to leave Rhode Island without permission and must check in with his probation officer regularly, said Barry Weiner, chief U.S. probation officer for Rhode Island. Hatch doesn’t have a job yet, but he will have to find one, Weiner said. He must also complete a mental health program.

In 2006, Hatch was convicted of tax evasion for not paying taxes on his “Survivor” winnings, as well as on \$327,000 he earned as co-host of a Boston radio show and \$28,000 in income from rental property. The judge tacked on extra prison time to his sentence after finding he had lied on the stand, giving him a 51-month prison term.

Ripa to return to soap

Kelly Ripa and her husband, Mark Consuelos, will return to ABC’s “All My Children” for the daytime soap opera’s 40th anniversary.

Ripa and Consuelos’ episodes will air stateside Jan. 4-5. It will be the first time either actor has appeared on the show since they left in 2002.

— The Associated Press

METALLICA’S ‘new guy’

Bassist Rob Trujillo offers new perspective on band

How’s this for a funny T-shirt slogan: I waited two hours for a Metallica interview at the South by Southwest Music Conference, and all I got was the lousy new guy.

It turned out, though, that bassist Rob Trujillo offered a new perspective on metal’s biggest band. Seated at a table at the Four Seasons hotel in Austin, wearing a Black Flag T-shirt, the former Suicidal Tendencies and Ozzy Osbourne bassist — who replaced Jason Newsted in 2003 — alternately talked like he’s still just another longtime fan of Metallica, but also like he’s now a fully integrated part of its creative process.

“For me personally, being the newer member, it’s a great honor to actually play the old thrash style of music in this band,” he humbly stated at one point.

He was referring to the classic, full-throated sound on the group’s latest album, “Death Magnetic.” The disc came out to strong reviews last September.

Talking more in-depth about the fuel behind “Death Magnetic,” though, Trujillo took his due credit. In fact, he said he played an especially vital role when guitarist Kirk Hammett frequently missed sessions for the record since his wife gave birth twice during its inception (nobody would accuse Metallica of rushing an album).

“Traditionally, Kirk has always been the middleman (since) he’s a very peaceful man,” the bassist explained. In Hammett’s absence, “I sort of got thrown into that mix.”

The mix he’s referring to is the notorious clash of egos between Metallica’s co-founders, singer/guitarist James Hetfield



AP file

Metallica members (from left) Robert Trujillo, Lars Ulrich, Kirk Hammett and James Hetfield, shown in September 2008, are gelling together in their own right.

and drummer Lars Ulrich. “There are definitely times there’s still that tension,” Trujillo said.

“The key thing is you really gotta let those two head-butt within reason. That’s the magic of what happens in the band. There’s a certain energy that bounces off the two of them, and you’ve gotta let that flow and then offer suggestions or butt in when it’s really necessary. The difference is nowadays, the band has figured out a way to defuse anything that could potentially be more destructive.”

Trujillo said he has come to appreciate the creative side of Hetfield, even if it is somewhat tempestuous at times.

“James Hetfield to me is so special in terms of writing riffs and melodies; he’s just an amazing musician,” he said. “Sometimes, if there’s a part he’s not picking up right off the bat, he gets a little impatient. That’s where you get a little nervous. That’s where you’ll see a chair fly.

“But to me, that’s all about the passion of putting a song together, and that’s one of the beautiful things about this band. There’s a lot that goes into this. There’s a lot of challenge in what we do; it’s not the easiest thing learning riffs or trying to develop a part in a Metallica song.”

— Chris Riemenschneider/Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

“I sort of got thrown into that mix.”

— Metallica bassist Rob Trujillo

Edible KISS

Who knew the guys in KISS could be so sweet? In honor of their new album and tour, the glam rockers are getting their own personalized M&Ms. Each piece of candy in the blend will feature an image of a bandmember’s face.

— Wireless Flash



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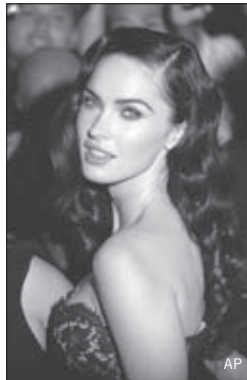
Paul Stanley of Kiss is just one of the sweet faces you’ll soon be able to eat.

Megan Fox the new face of Armani

“Transformers” star Megan Fox is pulling down a seven-figure payday to model Armani underwear and jeans, the Milan-based fashion house announced Wednesday.

Most endorsement deals pay celebrities from \$500,000 to \$2 million for an ad campaign that runs a year, and Fox, 23, will make toward the high end of the range, an anonymous source said.

— The Associated Press



AP

Rumpus time at box office

Wild things proved a bigger hit with adult audiences than family crowds as the adaptation of Maurice Sendak’s beloved children’s book “Where the Wild Things Are” debuted at No. 1 with \$32.5 million.

Moviegoers 18 and older accounted for 43 percent of the audience, while parents with children made up 27 percent, according to distributor Warner Bros.

Overture Films earned the No. 2 spot with Jamie Foxx and Gerard Butler’s vengeance thriller “Law Abiding Citizen,” which debuted with \$21.3 million.

Expanding into wider release, Paramount’s low-budget horror sensation “Paranormal Activity” moved up to No. 3 with \$20.2 million.

Shot for a reported \$15,000, “Paranormal Activity” outdid the premiere of Sony’s fright flick “The Stepfather.” That movie cost about \$19 million and played in nearly four times as many theaters but managed just a No. 5 opening with \$12.3 million.

A cheap acquisition at the Slamdance Film Festival, “Paranormal Activity” came out of nowhere, riding online fan buzz to a domestic total of \$33.7 million so far.

— The Associated Press

More planets identified beyond our solar system

By SETH BORENSTEIN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Astronomers found 32 new planets outside our solar system, adding evidence to the theory life could develop elsewhere in the universe.

Scientists using European Southern Observatory telescopes didn't find any planets quite the size of Earth or any that seemed

habitable or even unusual. The number of planets discovered outside the solar system is now at more than 400.

What astronomers said is especially exciting is that about half are of a type of star system with relatively light stars that had planets around them. This is more than planet-formation theory expected, astronomers said. Two of the four planets found around

these type stars were relatively close to Earth size, said astronomer Xavier Bonfils of Grenoble Observatory in France.

The discoveries were made by the High Accuracy Radial Velocity Planet Searcher, which looks for slight wobbles in a star's movements, which would be made by the tug of a planet's gravity on the star. There are no photos of these planets.



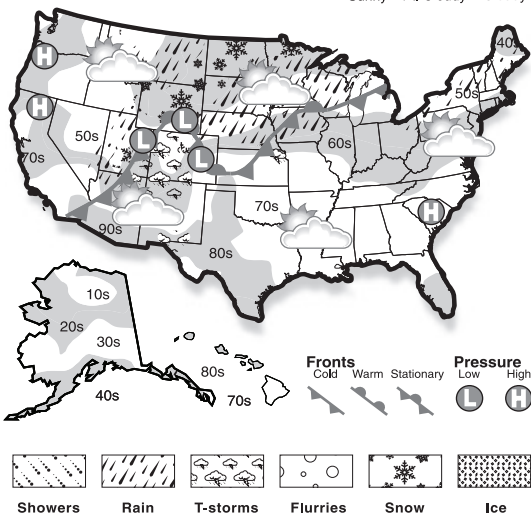
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This artist's rendering shows some of the 32 new planets that astronomers found outside our solar system by identifying wobbles in star movements caused by the pull of a planet's gravity.

WEATHER OUTLOOK

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, Oct. 20



Low Moves Into Rockies

A low pressure system will through the Great Basin and into the Rockies, providing widespread rain from the Northern Plains through the Southern Rockies. A high pressure system will keep conditions mostly dry in the East.

Weather Underground • AP

Monday's global temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	La Paz	63	34	Rain
Amsterdam	55	34	Rain	Lima	68	61	Cldy
Athens	75	57	Rain	Lisbon	77	57	Clr
Auckland	62	53	Rain	London	54	37	pc
Baghdad	98	68	Clr	Madrid	75	37	Clr
Basra	98	62	Clr	Managua	93	73	Clr
Bahrain	90	76	Clr	Manila	87	77	pc
Bangkok	93	77	Rain	Mecca	105	78	Clr
Barbados	88	78	pc	Melbourne	60	39	pc
Barcelona	66	47	Clr	Mexico City	62	51	Cldy
Beijing	67	41	Cldy	Montevideo	65	44	Clr
Beirut	94	73	Clr	Montreal	49	30	Clr
Belgrade	43	40	Rain	Moscow	82	28	Clr
Berlin	46	41	Rain	Nairobi	72	59	Rain
Bermuda	83	74	Rain	Nassau	82	74	Rain
Bogota	68	44	pc	New Delhi	91	66	Clr
Brasilia	83	66	Rain	Nice	64	48	Rain
Brisbane	75	55	Rain	Osaka	73	57	Clr
Brussels	52	32	Clr	Oslo	42	27	pc
Bucharest	48	43	Rain	Panama	87	76	Rain
Budapest	46	30	pc	Paris	53	37	pc
Buenos Aires	68	57	Clr	Perth	78	55	pc
Cairo	101	75	Clr	Prague	44	35	Rain
Calgary	45	33	Rain	Rio de Janeiro	84	69	Rain
Caracas	91	80	Clr	Rome	57	44	Rain
Colombo	87	77	Clr	San Jose	80	64	Rain
Copenhagen	49	39	pc	San Juan	90	76	Rain
Dhahran	98	71	Clr	San Salvador	86	68	Clr
Dhaka	90	80	Cldy	Santiago	66	46	pc
Dili	98	72	Clr	Sao Paulo	81	63	Rain
Dubai	95	77	Clr	Sapporo	66	56	Rain
Dublin	56	38	Rain	Seoul	64	46	pc
Frankfurt	49	33	Rain	Singapore	91	79	pc
Geneva	50	37	Clr	Sofia	50	42	Rain
Guatemala	77	60	pc	Stockholm	42	33	Rain
Hanoi	90	74	pc	Sydney	66	57	Rain
Harare	79	79	Clr	Taipei	84	69	Clr
Havana	78	69	Rain	Tegucigalpa	84	65	pc
Helsinki	37	32	Snow	Tehran	75	59	Clr
Hong Kong	87	77	pc	Tel Aviv	101	68	Clr
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Istanbul	72	62	Rain	Turin	57	35	pc
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Jerusalem	101	68	Clr	Tunis	70	57	Rain
Johannesburg	77	55	pc	Valletta	68	59	Rain
Kabul	68	39	Clr	Vancouver	56	50	Rain
Kiev	48	32	Clr	Vienna	47	37	Snow
Kuala Lumpur	89	73	Rain	Warsaw	42	35	Rain
Kuwait	95	66	Clr	Zurich	45	32	Rain

WEDNESDAY'S FORECAST



The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

Tuesday's U.S. temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Casper	46	38	Rain	Erie	58	46	Cldy	Jacksonville	76	47	PCldy	Montgomery	74	39	Clr	Richmond	70	39	Clr	Spokane	57	37	Cldy
Abilene, Tex.	80	61	Cldy	Charleston, S.C.	73	41	Clr	Eugene	63	42	Cldy	Juneau	47	37	Cldy	Nashville	72	42	Clr	Roanoke	73	38	Clr	Springfield, Ill.	67	48	Cldy
Akron, Ohio	58	35	Cldy	Charleston, W.Va.	67	37	PCldy	Evansville	69	45	PCldy	Kansas City	72	54	Cldy	New Orleans	77	53	Clr	Rochester	57	47	Cldy	Springfield, Mo.	72	51	PCldy
Albany, N.Y.	73	53	Cldy	Charlotte, N.C.	72	36	Clr	Fairbanks	27	17	Cldy	Key West	83	74	PCldy	New York City	64	44	PCldy	Rockford	62	46	Cldy	Syracuse	58	40	Cldy
Albuquerque	73	53	Cldy	Chattanooga	72	38	Clr	Fargo	46	39	Rain	Knoxville	70	38	Clr	Newark	66	43	PCldy	Sacramento	72	48	Clr	Tallahassee	78	40	Clr
Allentown, Pa.	63	35	PCldy	Cheyenne	54	41	Cldy	Flagstaff	56	41	PCldy	Lake Charles	80	55	PCldy	Norfolk, Va.	69	43	Clr	St. Louis	72	49	PCldy	Tampa	82	59	Clr
Amarillo	81	54	PCldy	Chicago	61	49	Cldy	Flint	59	46	Cldy	Lansing	59	45	Cldy	North Platte	59	42	Cldy	St. Petersburg	81	62	Clr	Toledo	62	43	Cldy
Anchorage	42	34	Cldy	Cincinnati	66	43	PCldy	Fort Smith	75	51	Cldy	Las Vegas	77	63	PCldy	Oklahoma City	74	57	Cldy	St. Thomas	87	78	PCldy	Topeka	74	55	Cldy
Asheville	70	31	Clr	Cleveland	60	44	Cldy	Fort Wayne	63	46	Cldy	Lexington	67	42	PCldy	Omaha	63	50	Cldy	Salem, Ore.	61	43	Cldy	Tucson	85	65	Clr
Atlanta	71	42	Clr	Colorado Springs	67	44	Cldy	Fresno	69	51	Clr	Lincoln	64	51	Cldy	Orlando	82	57	PCldy	Salt Lake City	57	45	Cldy	Tulsa	76	58	Cldy
Atlantic City	66	38	Clr	Columbia, S.C.	75	35	Clr	Goodland	75	44	PCldy	Little Rock	71	48	Clr	Paducah	70	47	Clr	San Angelo	81	59	Cldy	Tupelo	72	40	Clr
Austin	83	62	Cldy	Columbus, Ga.	74	41	Clr	Grand Junction	64	43	Cldy	Los Angeles	77	59	PCldy	Pendleton	65	44	Cldy	San Antonio	82	62	Cldy	Waco	80	60	Clr
Baltimore	68	39	PCldy	Columbus, Ohio	65	46	PCldy	Grand Rapids	59	46	Cldy	Louisville	69	45	PCldy	Peoria	66	47	Cldy	San Diego	69	61	Rain	Washington, D.C.	69	42	PCldy
Baton Rouge	77	48	Clr	Concord, N.H.	62	32	Cldy	Great Falls	52	33	Cldy	Lubbock	81	57	PCldy	Philadelphia	67	41	Clr	San Francisco	67	54	Clr	W. Palm Beach	82	67	PCldy
Billings	50	37	Cldy	Corpus Christi	85	67	Cldy	Green Bay	54	43	Cldy	Macon	74	35	Clr	Phoenix	85	70	Clr	San Jose	69	52	Clr	Wichita	72	56	Clr
Birmingham	73	40	Clr	Dallas-Ft. Worth	78	62	Clr	Greensboro, N.C.	73	36	Clr	Madison	57	46	Cldy	Pittsburgh	61	40	Cldy	San Juan, P.R.	86	77	PCldy	Wichita Falls	81	60	PCldy
Bismarck	45	41	Rain	Dayton	64	44	PCldy	Harrisburg	65	38	PCldy	Medford	68	41	PCldy	Pocatello	55	37	Cldy	Santa Fe	68	46	Cldy	Wilkes-Barre	59	38	Cldy
Boise	59	45	PCldy	Daytona Beach	79	60	PCldy	Hartford Spgfld	63	36	Cldy	Memphis	73	47	Clr	Portland, Maine	55	37	Cldy	St. Ste Marie	49	41	Cldy	Wilmington, Del.	66	39	Clr
Boston	61	43	Cldy	Denver	62	46	Clr	Helena	54	33	Cldy	Miami Beach	84	69	PCldy	Portland, Ore.	61	46	Cldy	Savannah	74	39	Clr	Yakima	62	36	Cldy
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Buffalo	55	48	Cldy	Duluth	42	38	Cldy	Huntsville	73	38	Clr	Mpls-St Paul	54	44	Cldy	Raleigh-Durham	73	38	Clr	Sioux City	65	49	Cldy				
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR/OPINION

What's the fate of T-walls?

I was in Balad, Iraq, for six months. While stationed there I noticed many murals painted on the T-walls to fallen servicemembers around the base. Is anything being done to preserve them, as in shipping them back, prior to the turnover [of facilities to Iraq]?

I understand that they are heavy structures, and it would be cost-prohibitive to move most of them. I also know that there have been photos taken of most or many of them, but that's just not the same thing, is it?

It wouldn't carry the same weight if people walked into the museum and saw giant pictures of planes and lunar modules hanging from the ceiling.

Naval Reserve Petty Officer 1st Class
Peter M. Mockridge
Brevard, N.C.

Valid points on flight suit

Let's not overdramatize what the lieutenant was getting at ("Flight suit was best for wings," letter, Oct. 7). He never said anything about being better than anyone else. Perhaps it was a bad choice of words. But he has a valid point.

The Army Aircrew Combat Uniform is the worst of four uniforms I have flown in, and it has nothing to do with how they look. They are baggy and hot. The Velcro goes out after four to six washes. Because we are only given four by the Army, we have to get

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them tagged and get new ones every few months.

In a Kiowa, you often find yourself "Velcroed" to your co-pilot, or at least wearing his unit patch after the flight. The Velcro around the leg goes first, and we look ridiculous when it gives way and our pant legs end up around our ankles (we aviators do try to look as professional as possible).

The collar Velcro is sewed in such a way that you have two options: wear one collar up at all times or cut the Velcro out and thus not be able to Velcro your collar shut

in flight (meant to protect your neck/chest/back in a fire). Almost everyone I know does the latter — sacrificing safety.

It was a quickly fielded uniform and the powers that be are working diligently to improve our equipment. I have no doubt they are working on the next-generation flight uniform already. I do think "they" should bring back patches/awards/branches — it was a huge source of pride for soldiers.

There is a fine line between "suck it up" and "improve your foxhole." Because you attempt to do the latter does not mean you do not know how to do the former. Conjuring up images of soldiers in hospitals ("All servicemembers play a part," letter, Oct. 12) is a bit uncalled for.

Capt. Anne McClain
Fort Rucker, Ala.

Closer than you think

Contrary to what you might think, the International Space Station is not very far away ("Marine-turned-astronaut tours bases in Japan," article, Oct. 16).

The article began: "From a physical standpoint, no human has been farther from today's battlefields than astronaut and Marine Col. Doug Hurley."

In fact, ISS orbits between 199 and 216 miles from Earth. Your lede paragraph is way off the mark.

Doug White
Waipahu, Hawaii

Blackwater pretrial hearings should be public

Washington Post editorial

Judge Ricardo Urbina of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia has been holding closed-door hearings in the case of five Blackwater security contractors accused of gunning down unarmed Iraqi civilians. ... The Post learned of the hearings, which appear not to have been listed on the public docket; Urbina declined the newspaper's request to lift the secrecy order.

As the Post's Del Quentin Wilber reported, Urbina explained that he needed to close the hearings to prevent witnesses and prospective jurors from getting wind of the information likely to arise in these hearings. The judge also said he was obligated to prevent public disclosure of secret grand jury testimony.

Urbina is conducting a weeklong pretrial hearing in which the government is being challenged to prove that the evidence used to indict the former Blackwater contractors was obtained independent of statements made by the men shortly after the 2007 shootings that left more than a dozen Iraqis civilians dead and nearly two dozen injured. Those statements were made to State Department agents who promised

the guards that the statements would not be used to criminally prosecute them.

Urbina may be right that closing the courtroom may have been the only way to protect grand jury material. After all, one way for the government to prove it did not use the guard's immunized statements is to

cite independent information gleaned from grand jury testimony. But it is not clear to what extent, if any, Urbina considered anything short of complete secrecy, such as closing off only parts of the hearing. Urbina indicated that he may consider allowing the release of redacted hearing transcripts. This would be a reasonable accommodation.

The judge, however, is on very shaky ground in claiming that a closure was necessary to shield witnesses and jurors, especially because well-established court procedures exist to deal with these possi-

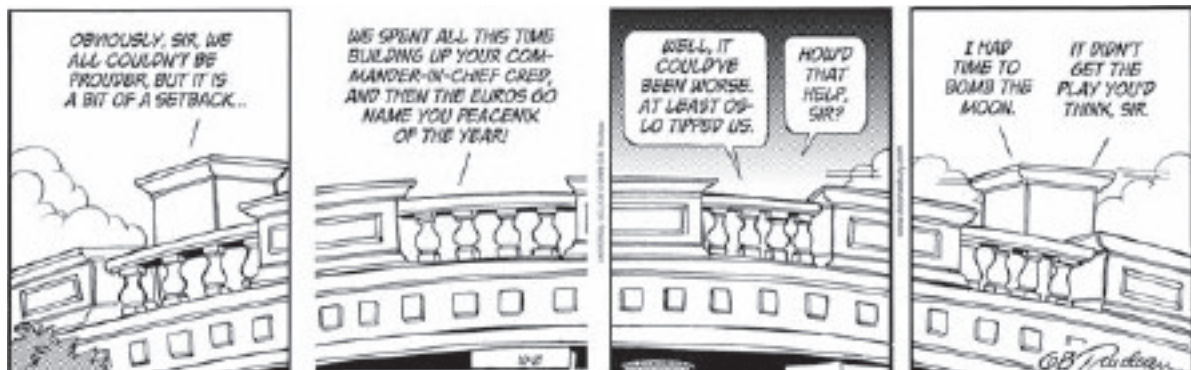
bilities. Witnesses called to testify at trial typically provide sworn statements before they are called to the stand. Either side may challenge a witness' credibility if there is a discrepancy between testimony and previous statements. And the jury selection process routinely is used to cull from the

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pool prospective members who have heard or read about the case. Urbina also mishandled

the process that led to the secrecy order. The Supreme Court has ruled that the public must be notified about a possible closure and given a chance to argue against it before a judge takes the drastic step of excluding the public from a criminal hearing. Notice was absent in this case. And while The Post was permitted a brief, 15-minute hearing before the first Blackwater matter was to commence, this is not the kind of deliberate and thorough review the justices contemplated.

By GARRY TRUDEAU



OPINION

The danger of dithering on foreign policy

By JOHN R. BOLTON

Weakness in American foreign policy in one region often invites challenges elsewhere, because our adversaries carefully follow diminished American resolve. Similarly, presidential indecisiveness, whether because of uncertainty or internal political struggles, signals that the United States may not respond to international challenges in clear and coherent ways.

Taken together, weakness and indecisiveness have proved historically to be a toxic combination for America's global interests. That is the combination we see under President Barack Obama. If anything, his receiving the Nobel Peace Prize only underlines the problem. All of Obama's campaign and inaugural talk about "extending an open hand" and "engagement," especially the multilateral variety, isn't unfolding according to plan. Entirely predictably, we see more clearly every day that diplomacy is not a policy but only a technique. Absent presidential leadership, which at a minimum means clear policy direction and persistence in the face of criticism and adversity, engagement simply embodies weakness and indecision.

Obama is no Harry Truman. At best, he is reprising Jimmy Carter. At worst, the real precedent may be Ethelred the Unready, the turn-of-the-first-millennium Anglo-Saxon king whose reputation for indecisiveness and his unsuccessful paying of Danegeld — literally, "Danish tax" — to buy off Viking raiders made him history's paradigmatic weak leader.

Beyond the disquiet (or outrage for some) prompted by the president's propensity to apologize for

his country's pre-Obama history, Americans increasingly sense that his administration is drifting from one foreign policy mistake to another. Worse, the current is growing swifter, and the threats more pronounced, even as the administration tries to turn its face away from the world and toward its domestic priorities. Foreign observers, friend and foe alike, sense the same aimlessness and drift. French President Nicolas Sarkozy had to remind Obama at a Sept. 24 U.N. Security Council meeting that "we live in the real world, not a virtual one."

Examples of weakness abound, and the consequences are readily foreseeable.

Canceling the Polish and Czech missile defense bases is understood in Moscow and European capitals as backing down in the face of Russian bluster and belligerence. Russian President Dmitry Medvedev threatened the day after our 2008 election to deploy missiles targeting these assets unless they were canceled, a threat duly noted by the Russian media when Obama canceled the sites. Given candidate Obama's reaction to the 2008 Russia-Georgia war — calling on both to exercise restraint — there is little doubt that Prime Minister Vladimir Putin's project to re-extend Russian hegemony over as much of the former Soviet Union as he can will continue apace. Why should he worry about Washington?

Obama's Middle East peace process has stalled, most recently because he set a target for an end to Israeli settlement expansion, couldn't meet it and then proceeded as though he hadn't meant what he said originally. By insisting that Israel freeze settlements as a precondition to renewing Israeli-Palestinian ne-

gotiations, Obama drew a clear line. But when Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu withstood Obama's pressure, Obama caved, hosting a photo-op with Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas that strengthened Netanyahu and weakened Abbas just when Obama wanted to achieve exactly the opposite. However one views the substantive outcome of this vignette, Obama himself looked the weakest of all. It could well be years before his Middle East policy gets back up off the ground.

On nuclear nonproliferation, North Korea responded to the "open hand" of engagement by testing its second nuclear device, continuing an aggressive ballistic missile testing program, cooperating with other rogue states and kidnapping and holding hostage two American reporters. Obama's reaction is to press for more negotiations, which simply encourages Pyongyang to up the ante.

Iran is revealed to have been long constructing an undeclared, uninspected nuclear facility that makes a mockery of almost seven years of European Union negotiation efforts. Forced to deal publicly with this deeply worrying threat, Obama proposes the equivalent of money-laundering for nuclear threats: Iranian uranium enriched in open, unambiguous defiance of four Security Council resolutions will be enriched to higher levels in Russia, and then returned to be burned in a Tehran reactor — ostensibly for peaceful purposes. Sarkozy again captured the growing international incredulity in his noteworthy Security Council speech: "I support America's 'extended hand.' But what have these proposals for dialogue produced for the international community? Nothing



but more enriched uranium and more centrifuges."

Finally, Obama's agonizing, public reappraisal of his 7-month-old Afghanistan policy epitomizes indecisiveness. While there is no virtue in sustaining policy merely for continuity's sake, neither is credit due for too-quickly adopting policies without appreciating the risks entailed and then fleeing precipitously when the risks become manifest. The administration's stated reason for its policy re-evaluation was widespread fraud in Afghanistan's Aug. 20 presidential election. But this explanation is simply not credible. Did not the administration's generals and diplomats on the ground, not to mention United Nations observers, see the election mess coming? Was the Hamid Karzai administration's cupidity and corruption overlooked or ignored during Obama's original review and revision of his predecessor's policy?

The unmistakable inference is that Obama did not carefully think through his March policy on Afghanistan, or did not have full

confidence then or now in Army Gen. Stanley McChrystal or Ambassador Richard Holbrooke, or that it is now politically inconvenient among increasingly anti-war Democrats to follow through on that policy.

None of these explanations reflect credit on the president. He is dithering. Whatever decision Obama reaches on Afghanistan, his credibility and leadership have been badly wounded by his continuing public display of indecisiveness.

Our international adversaries undoubtedly welcome all of these "resets" in U.S. foreign policy, but Americans should be appalled at how much of our posture in the world has already been given away. If Obama's first nine months indicate the direction of the next 39, we still have a long way to fall.

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Finding the phrase that fits in health care debate

By RACHEL DRY

The Washington Post

Now you don't have to take Frank Luntz's word for it. The GOP pollster and message maven circulated a 28-page memo in the spring, coaching Republicans on how to talk about the "Washington takeover" of health care. New public health research confirms what Luntz has known all along: Framing matters.

A study that will appear in the December issue of the American Journal of Public Health tracked the ways in which party affiliation related to people's responses to identical information on diabetes. Participants read a mock news article on the American Diabetes Association lobbying Congress for greater attention to Type 2 diabetes, the sixth-leading cause of death in the U.S. Some people read a straight news report, with minimal mention of what causes diabetes. Others read one of three versions of the story: one that pegged the disease primarily to genetic factors; one that emphasized personal choices; and one that focused on social and environmental factors, such as access to safe places to exercise and affordable, healthy food.

The study's authors, University of Pennsylvania researcher Sarah E. Gollust, along with the University of Michigan's Paula M.

Lantz and Peter A. Ubel, were most interested in how people responded to the notion that "social determinants" — how easy it is to buy fresh vegetables or exercise, among other things — are underlying causes of disease. Public health advocates have been promoting the importance of these factors, believing that the more people know about these circumstances, the more likely they are to want to help.

But that assumption doesn't hold up. When people who identified themselves as Democrats read specifically about the social factors that can lead to Type 2 diabetes, they expressed greater backing for public health policies aimed at addressing those factors; Republicans, by contrast, registered much lower levels of support.

"The take-home message is that people can walk away from the same information

with different attitudes," Gollust says.

She began this research in 2007, well before the current health care debate was under way, but she is familiar with Luntz's work and how it overlaps with her study's findings about the power of a message to affect people's views. She's not about to write her own strategy memo, though.

"We have different goals," she says. "I'm a researcher first."

Prickly City



By SCOTT STANTIS

Red tide fish kills reported off Texas

TX SOUTH PADRE ISLAND — Thousands of dead fish have been observed off South Padre Island during red tide monitoring.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department says game wardens, working about two miles offshore of South Padre Island, found “many dead fish.”

A statement said dead fish at Padre Island National Seashore numbered as high as 1,000 in a 15-yard stretch.

TPWD responded to fish kills along South Padre Island that began near Brazos-Santiago Pass, and along the length of Padre Island National Seashore.

Dead fish have been washing ashore in the Bob Hall Pier area. Red tide cells have been found in water samples from Packery Channel and from Corpus Christi Bay at the marina.

The toxic algae bloom can cause temporary breathing trouble, burning eyes and skin irritation in humans.

Man dies after police use Taser on him

CA SAN BERNARDINO — Police say a 19-year-old man has died in Southern California after officers used a Taser to subdue him at a board-and-care facility.

The department says officers had been summoned to the facility to investigate a fight involving three people.

Police say officers separated the trio but “one of the subjects became combative and a Taser was deployed to control him.”

The man was having trouble breathing, and police called paramedics. He was pronounced dead at a hospital about an hour later.

Grandfather sought in wife's shooting death

TX DALHART — A Dalhart man is sought in the shooting death of his wife in front of two of their grandchildren after she told him to move out.

Dalhart Police Chief Tom Sanford said a murder warrant has been issued for Jose Abel Cancino, 78.

Sanford said Cancino is accused of pulling a handgun and killing Elva Perez Cancino, 63.

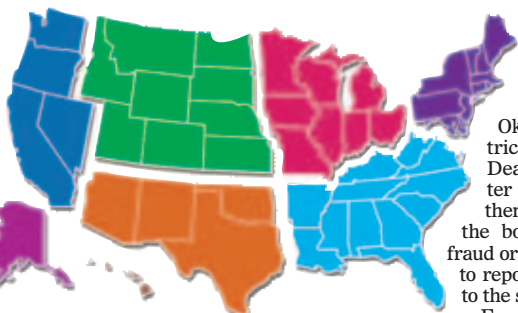
The police chief says the couple “had just come from church, and I think she had just told him he needed to move out.”

Their teenage grandchildren, a brother and sister, witnessed the shooting outside the couple's apartment complex.

Black bear chills in Wis. supermarket beer cooler

WI HAYWARD — Shoppers in a Wisconsin grocery store got an unexpected surprise when a 125-pound black bear wandered inside and headed straight for the beer cooler.

The bear stopped at Market-place Foods in Hayward, Wis., sauntering through the automatic doors and heading straight for the



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liquor department.

It calmly climbed up 12 feet onto a shelf in the beer cooler where it sat for about an hour while employees helped evacuate customers and summoned wildlife officials.

Officials from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources tranquilized the animal and took it out of the store. Store workers say the bear seemed content in the cooler and did not consume any alcohol.

Town uses goats to clear meadow, save money

MA ANDOVER — A Boston suburb has some new landscapers that will work for food — a half-dozen goats clearing and maintaining an overgrown public meadow.

Under a pilot program in Andover, Lucy McKain's dairy goats will rotate their grazing around the meadow for an all-you-can-eat buffet of grass, brush and other growth. The goats can clear as much as a half acre every three days at no cost.

The fact it's free is important to Andover officials, since money is tight and they couldn't afford the heavy equipment, fuel and labor needed to clean up the meadow.

Accountants sue charity for wrongful dismissal

OK OKLAHOMA CITY — Two accountants are suing Feed The Children for wrongful dismissal after they notified the charity's board that the organization owed \$1.1 million in

taxes and that an official had tried to cover it up.

In a lawsuit filed in Oklahoma County District Court, Stephanie Dean and Stefani Hovatter said the charity fired them after they informed the board of the “potential fraud or illegality in the failure to report and pay taxes owed to the state of Oklahoma.”

Feed The Children officials have declined comment.

The accountants also alleged in the memo that Christy Sharp, the organization's chief financial officer, knew about the problem but didn't report it.

Mayor accused of taking \$235,000 in bribes

AL BIRMINGHAM — Mayor Larry Langford, who could be tossed out of office and go to prison if convicted of federal bribery charges, recently offered some advice to a new Birmingham City Council member.

“The illusion of power is the most dangerous drug on the planet,” Langford said. “A little bit of power — nothing intoxicates like it.”

Last week's comment may sound a lot like the government's opening argument against Langford, 61, the most recent in a long line of prominent names in the state Democratic Party to face corruption charges.

Prosecutors claim a greedy, power-drunk Langford accepted bribes totaling some \$235,000 — a chunk of it for upscale clothes and jewelry — while serving as president of the Jefferson County Commission before he was elected mayor. In exchange, they say, Langford steered \$7.1 million in bond business to a political crony's investment banking firm.

Defense attorney Michael Rasmussen laughed at the possibility of a guilty plea, saying Langford “maintains he is innocent and expects to get a fair trial.”

Collectors give more info on pricey art heist

CA SANTA CRUZ — Another chapter of the Hollywood-esque saga of a Pebble Beach, Calif., art heist unfolded when the attorney and insurance broker of the burglary victims held a news conference at the Chaminade resort to try to counter allegations that the artwork reported stolen didn't exist.

“Our basic purpose here today is to give some more information about the paintings that were taken,” attorney Vicki St. John said.

The works — by the likes of Vincent Van Gogh, Pierre-Auguste Renoir and Jackson Pollock — are valued at more than \$27 million, according to Benjamin Amadio, a law school student who owned the art with his business partner, Dr. Ralph Kennaugh.

Kennaugh, a radiation oncologist and former Harvard professor, has been collecting art for three decades, and Amadio moved to Pebble Beach from Boston during the summer and the artwork was shipped to their rented home.

But no one would say how many pieces were stolen.



What a stuffed shirt

Briana Coakley, left, and Amanda Atterberry work on a scarecrow for St. Marys

Hay Days in St. Marys, Ga. More than 300 scarecrows are on display throughout the downtown area until the end of October.



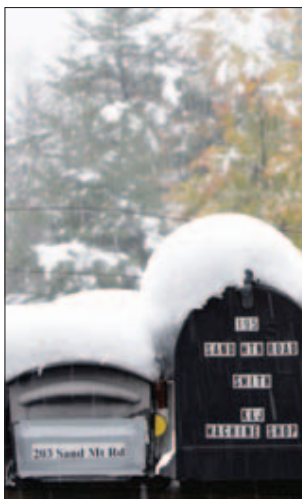
Cracking up

Washington Gov. Chris Gregoire, front, walks along a section of Highway 410 that was buckled and moved as a result of a landslide that hit the Nile Valley area west of Naches, Wash.



Divine intervention

Steve Bumpus of Hadley, Ky., looks at the “Jesus Saves” license plate he found 25 yards from his SUV after he survived a collision with a train in Bowling Green, Ky. Bumpus, who was uninjured, said he did not see the train coming. “I really was saved,” said Bumpus of his ordeal.



You've got snow

Mailboxes covered in the first snow of the season are shown in Seven Mountains, Pa.



Let's be friends

Wishbone, a 12-week-old spayed female rescued kitten who is up for adoption from the "All About Spay Neuter Foster Network" in Howard Beach, Queens, plays in her cage during the "Meet the Breeds" event at the Jacob Javits Convention Center in New York. The event is billed as the world's largest showcase of cats and dogs.



Kaleidoscope fall

A maple leaf falls on a crisp autumn day in Freeport, Maine. Peak foliage color has arrived along Maine's coast and the central interior of the state, according to the fall foliage report from the state Department of Conservation.



A shuddering legacy

Tiffany Chenoweth holds her daughter Jada Montez as they stand before a seismographic depiction of the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake in Oakland, Calif. The two attended a 20th anniversary remembrance event.



Can't carve this bird

Montana State University-Northern senior Matt Lewis grinds down his welding marks on his turkey during a metal sculpture lab in the Metals Technology Building in Havre, Mont.

3rd person dies in sweat lodge ceremony case

AZ FLAGSTAFF — An Arizona homicide investigation now includes three deaths after a woman died more than a week after participating in a sweat lodge ceremony that hospitalized nearly two dozen people.

Liz Neuman, 49, of Minnesota died at a Flagstaff hospital, Yavapai County sheriff's spokesman Dwight D'Evelyn said.

Neuman suffered multiple organ damage after a ceremony at a resort near Sedona that draws many in the New Age spiritual movement.

Authorities were treating all three deaths as homicides, but no charges have been filed.

Neuman was among more than 50 people crowded inside the sweat lodge run by self-help guru James Arthur Ray. An emergency call two hours after they entered the lodge reported two people not breathing.

Police: California mom shoots her sons, kills 1

CA LOS ANGELES — A woman shot her two young sons, killing a boy, 5, and critically wounding his brother, 1, police said.

The woman — La' Tonya Dixon, 26 — called 911 and told a dispatcher that she had killed her children.

When police arrived at the apartment complex in South Los Angeles, Dixon was standing on a second-floor balcony waving a handgun and telling officers to shoot her, police said.

She shouted "I've wasted my life," neighbors told the Los Angeles Times. Officers ordered her numerous time to drop the gun, but she refused. At one point she climbed onto the balcony rail and stood on it, as if preparing to jump, police said.

When she eventually put the gun down on the balcony floor, officers quickly tackled and arrested her, police said.

ConAgra spreads Parkay hype through iPhones

NE OMAHA — ConAgra Foods wants to reinvent the classic advertising argument over how its Parkay margarine compares to butter with an iPhone application.

The ConAgra app uses the iPhone's voice recognition capability to trigger the distinctive "Parkaaaaay" response whenever the user says words like "butter" and "milk."

The free app recalls the classic Parkay television ads of the 1970s, '80s and '90s involving a talking tub of margarine.

Fake school bus had \$1.7 million in marijuana

TX LAREDO — The Texas Department of Public Safety is searching for the driver of a fake school bus loaded with more than 5,000 pounds of marijuana, estimated to be worth more than \$1.7 million.

A statement from DPS says a trooper stopped a school bus on U.S. 59 north of Laredo that had been marked to look like a United Independent School District bus. The bus had 5,408 pounds of marijuana.

The driver fled on foot.

DA refiles charges for dad who tattooed son

CA FRESNO — A prosecutor has refiled charges of aggravated mayhem against two men accused of tattooing a gang sign on a 7-year-old boy, raising the possibility again that they could face life in prison if convicted.

The Fresno County district attorney's filing came two weeks after a judge ruled that Enrique Gonzalez and Travis Gorman should face the lesser charge of cruel and inhumane treatment of a child, rather than aggravated mayhem, a charge usually associated with disfiguring beatings, shootings and stabbings.

Prosecutors say Gonzalez, 27, held his son down against his will while Gorman, 21, inked a quarter-sized gang insignia on the boy's hip.

Both men are members of the Fresno Bulldogs, a notorious street gang that has been the focus of intense police action for three years. The Bulldogs take their name from the mascot and moniker of California State University, Fresno, and wear the school's athletic apparel.

The family contends the boy asked for the tattoo.

Priest auctions off silver for homeless

WI MILWAUKEE — A Green Bay priest is auctioning off his late mother's collection of old silver pieces to raise money for a homeless shelter.

The Rev. Guy Blair donated 14 silver items, including five sugar urns dating back to the 1790s. Other pieces include vases and coffee and tea pots.

Heritage Auctions silver director Tim Rigdon says the sum of the items' minimum bids is \$21,000.

Blair, 58, hopes the items will fetch at least \$50,000. He says that would cover the shelter's costs for a few weeks.

The proceeds benefit the St. John's the Evangelist Church homeless shelter in Green Bay.

Beetle infestation blamed for tree deaths

TX THE WOODLANDS — The Woodlands has lost hundreds of reasons for its name.

The Woodlands has had to remove nearly 1,000 pine trees since July due to a beetle infestation that followed heat and lingering drought.

Hundreds of dead trees on residential property also fell victim to pine bark beetles.

John Powers with the Community Associations of The Woodlands said it was a "major outbreak" of pine bark beetles in the Houston-area community.

Powers told the Houston Chronicle that The Woodlands, during July and August, added dozens of trees to the city's removal list every day.

Recent rain and cooler weather has lessened beetle activity. Beetles target drought-stressed trees and lay eggs under the weakened bark.

The Texas Forest Service says trees in Harris, Chambers, San Jacinto and Waller counties also have been affected.

Horoscope

It's the last full day of the solar transit through Libra and a wonderful moment to touch base with your loved ones. Haven't you learned a lot about one another in the past weeks? Celebrate what you know now and the bonds that you've built. The outgoing Sagittarius moon brings a stroke of luck to all of your social endeavors.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(Oct. 21). You are open-minded and optimistic, which makes this one of your most creative years yet. You're not afraid to throw ideas out there and follow through, even when others say it can't be done. A new addition to your family is featured in December. There's a financial bonus then, too, and another one in July. Aquarius and Taurus people adore you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be bothered by someone you know and love. This person's antics and whimsical behavior are just crazy enough to shake up your mindset. After spending time with this one, you will no longer desire the safest path.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You are a creature of habit, which is why today will have its uncomfortable moments. Things will settle down in due course — the snow in your globe was due for a shaking up.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Obstacles arise. Take a break and then come back to the problem. You'll see that the way is there, it will simply take a little more effort. When the escalator is broken, it just becomes stairs.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The departure date for the trip you have been considering is approaching fast. Time to go from general scheming to specific plotting and deciding what to pack. A minimalist approach will serve you well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're creative now, and also more sensitive than usual. In order to keep the flow of production strong, you would do well

to avoid critical energy altogether. Imagine that all of your answers are correct, and keep coming up with more.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've done things in your life that you can be proud of. Therefore, your example is strong. People want to be like you. A dream scenario unfolds. You will be a beloved leader without having to order anyone around.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). How long should you keep at something before you decide it's not working and give up? Well, you'll hold on longer than most, and because of that, you'll see the breakthrough that many never reach.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). People around you seem to be living louder than usual. Whether you're extra-sensitive or there's just more racket outside than normal, you wonder when the world got to be such a noisy place. Find a quick escape to reset.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you want to do something, it doesn't matter whether the choice is wise or prudent. Furthermore, you're the only one who can really know what's good for you. Let negative counsel go in one ear and out the other.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Dress slightly outside your comfort zone. Your boldness will be attractive. A compliment from an unlikely source will make you blush and give you something to think about.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your talent will develop if the atmosphere around you is conducive to growth. Right now, pleasant comments are the only useful ones, and you'll hear plenty of them. Add your own to the mix, too.

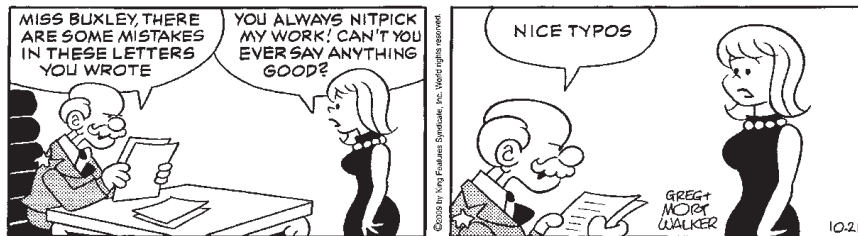
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You have a choice of whom to befriend and even stand next to. Listen to what people tell you about themselves. Hear between the lines, and pay attention to their actions.

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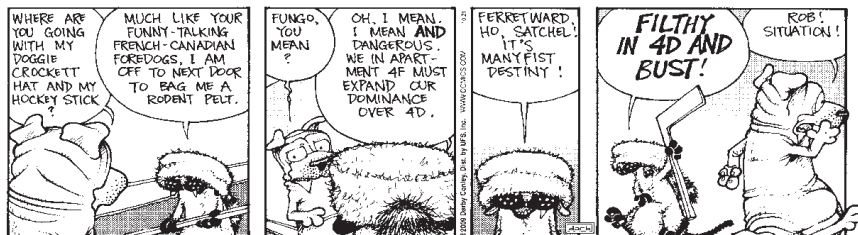
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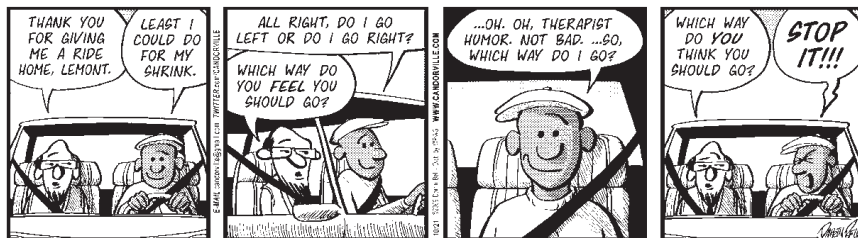
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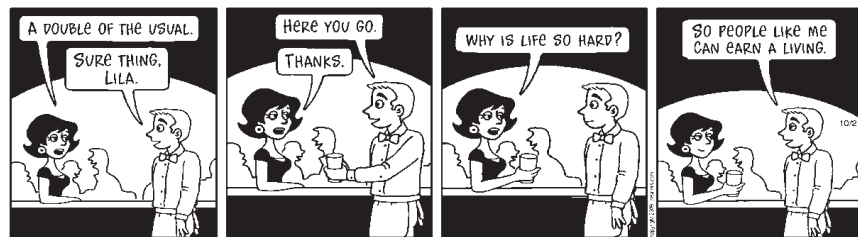
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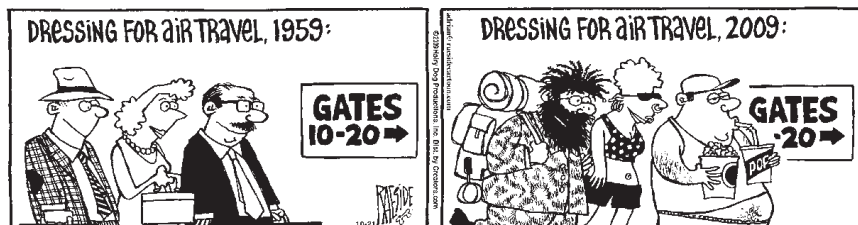
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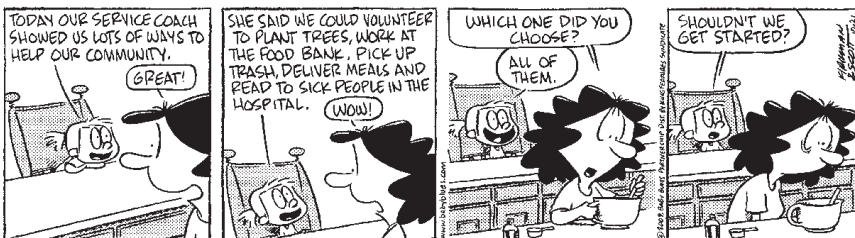
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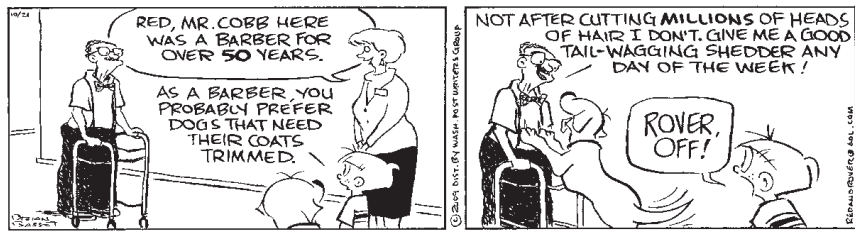
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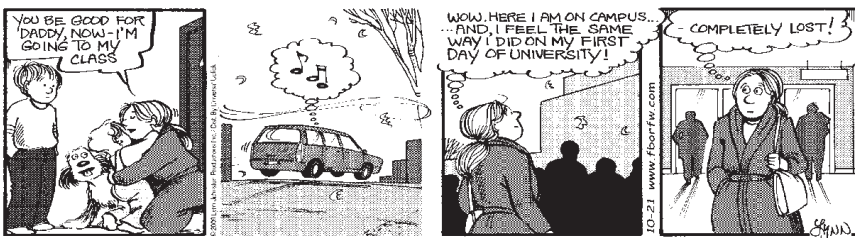
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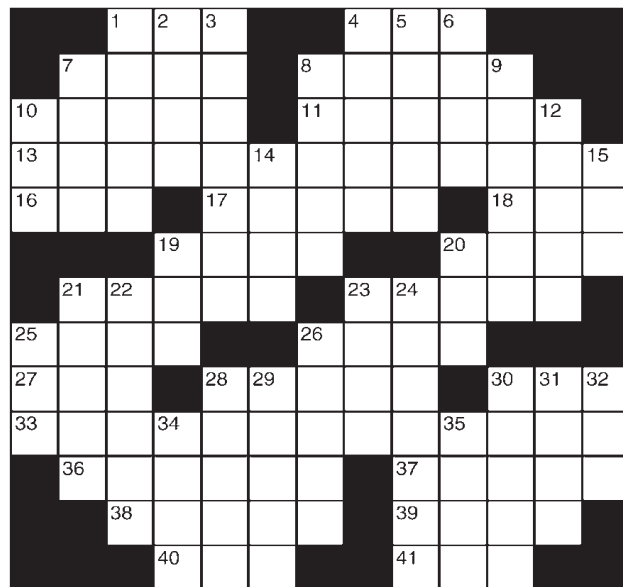
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Better or Worse



Eugene Sheffer Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 Unruly bunch
- 4 Min. fraction
- 7 Bear lair
- 8 Parishioner's donation
- 10 November birthstone
- 11 Shocked
- 13 He played Paul Drake on "Perry Mason"
- 16 Common bill
- 17 Resigns
- 18 Participated in track
- 19 — and void
- 20 Mineral in sheets
- 21 Filled fully
- 23 Disinclined
- 25 "Sultan of Swat"
- 26 Undulating
- 27 Superlative suffix
- 28 Artless
- 30 Knock
- 33 Fictional sleuth, anagram of 13-Across
- 36 Polar peak
- 37 Boring tool
- 38 States with certainty
- 39 Gunky stuff
- 40 NYC transit

letters

41 Golf prop

DOWN

- 1 Syrup flavor
- 2 Elliptical
- 3 Game like pinochle
- 4 Vision
- 5 Community spirit
- 6 Fellow
- 7 Nickel, e.g.
- 8 Language of Sri Lanka
- 9 — de corps
- 10 Pair
- 12 Instruct
- 14 "— Lang Syne"
- 15 Genetic abbr.
- 19 To the — degree
- 20 Has permission
- 21 Cold fish?
- 22 Theseus' land
- 23 Volcanic flow
- 24 Emote
- 25 Agent, for short
- 26 Hardly macho men
- 28 More pleasant
- 29 In different places
- 30 Scalawag
- 31 Dumbstruck
- 32 Capita lead-in
- 34 Jeans maker Strauss
- 35 Entice

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: MIGHT IT BE FAIR TO SAY THAT EVERY PHLEBOTOMIST SPENDS A GREAT DEAL OF TIME IN VEIN?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals M

Affair is not friend's business

Dear Abby: My best friend "Jenny's" husband died four years ago. They had been married 28 years, and she has grieved hard for him. She has been looking for a relationship because she wants a man in her life.

Three months ago, she ran into a married man she knew through her former job. They were casual acquaintances, but when "George" learned she was a widow he immediately asked for her phone number. He called the next day, they talked, he visited her at her home, and they had unprotected sex. They now see each other once or twice a week and have sex.

My husband and I were at a club the other night and saw George in the company of another woman. I haven't told Jenny because she doesn't want to be told if her man is cheating on her. She says that what she doesn't know won't hurt her. I disagree. If he's having unprotected sex with her, it's probably the same with the other

woman.

What should I do? My husband says leave it alone — she'll find out anyway.

— **Dismayed in Dallas**

Dear Abby



Dear Dismayed: When someone tells you she doesn't want to know if her man is cheating on her and what she doesn't know won't hurt her, take it from me, she already knows he probably is. And by the way, George isn't "her" man — he is his wife's man. How do you know he wasn't with his wife that night at the club?

You may love Jenny like a sister, but you can't save her. Your husband is right. Leave it alone.

Dear Abby: I work for a small company where I'm one of 12 employees under one manager. My boss, "Debbie," is having problems at home. Almost daily, she brings her not-so-sunny outlook to the office and proceeds to drag everyone else down.

The woman thrives on negativity, chaos and stress. She even complains about happy times of the year like summer vacations and holidays because we tend to be busier. (Isn't that a good thing considering the economic climate?)

Our office is small, so there's no escaping her. If she's not complaining to us, she's telling the same sob stories to a client on the phone. What can my co-workers and I do to keep from being dragged down with her?

— **Working for "Debbie Downer Inc."**

Dear Working: You and your co-workers should talk to your employer as a group because "Debbie's" behavior is neither professional nor conducive to a healthy working environment. Your boss should also be told that she is sharing her "sob stories" with clients, because it could cost her business.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at <http://www.ueexpress.com/dearabby> Universal Press Syndicate

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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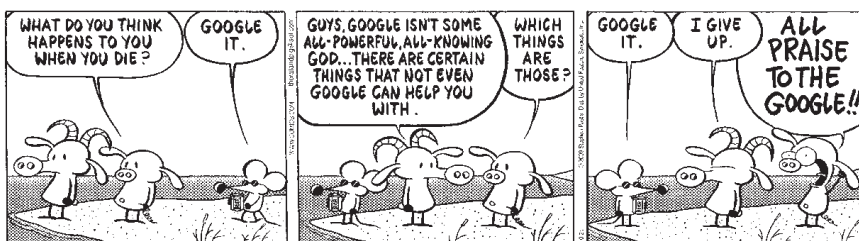
Yesterday's Jumbles: PRIME OPERA HALLOW TARTAR
Answer: What the clerk listened to while she worked — WRAP RAP

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argiron and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

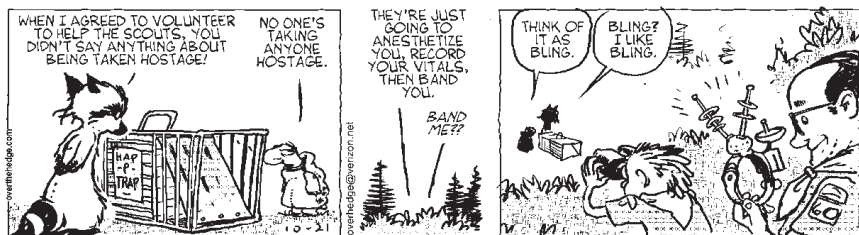
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Over The Hedge



Pardon My Planet



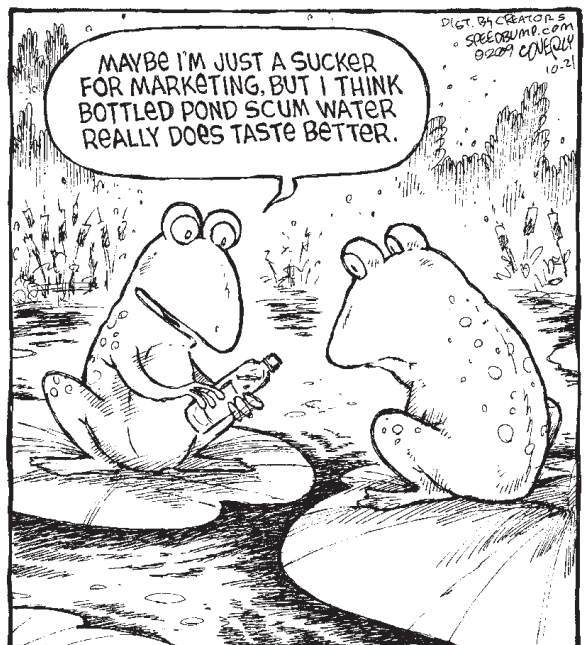
Non Sequitur



Strange Brew



Speed Bump



AFN Television Schedule

Updated sports listings are available on AFN's Web site at www.myafn.net

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2009

	AFN/prime Atlantic	AFN/family	AFN/movie	AFN/news	AFN/prime Pacific	PENTAGON	AFN/spectrum	AFN/sports	AFN/xtra
15:00	Sesame Street	Funnist Home Videos	Movie "Stripes" (1981) Bill Murray, Harold Ramis. A joy ride takes two Army recruits across enemy lines.	The Rachel Maddow Show	Days of our Lives	Fit For Duty	Design Remix	SportsCenter	(2:00) Sports
15:30		Planet's Funniest Animals (3:50) Pokémon		Around the Services	Oprah Winfrey	Battleground	Curb Appeal		
16:00	The View	(:40) Zatch Bell		Tavis Smiley		Today's Air Force Recon	Top Gear	Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
16:30									
17:00	Dr. Phil	The Fairly OddParents	Movie Mob	Nightly Business Report	Wheel of Fortune	Around the Services	King of the Hill		X Play
17:30		Teenage Mutant Ninja	At the Movies	Nightline	Jeopardy!	Downrange	That '70s Show "Misfire"		Yo Momma
18:00	The Dr. Oz Show	SpongeBob SquarePants	Hollywood Dailies	The O'Reilly Factor	World News-Gibson	Week-Pentagon	Daily Show- Jon Stewart		The Simpsons
18:30		Hannah Montana	Entertainment Tonight		Around the Services	FNG Useful benefits.	The Colbert Report		Family Guy
19:00	Access Hollywood	True Jackson, VP	Movie "Spider-Man 3" (2007, Action) Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst, James Franco. Peter Parker faces new challenges and new villains.	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	NUMB3RS "Arrow of Time"	Briefing Encore	Dancing With the Stars		WWE Monday Night Raw
19:30	The King of Queens	Naturally, Sadie				Fit For Duty			
20:00	The Young and the Restless	Summerland "Safe House"		Today	The Game	Battleground			
20:30					Worst Week "The Sex"	Recon Revisited			
21:00	General Hospital	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Senior Pol"		Today	The Jay Leno Show	Around the Services	The Superstars		The Salt 'N Pepa Show
21:30			(:40) Movie "Laws of Attraction" (2004) Pierce Brosnan, Julianne Moore. Rival divorce attorneys fall in love.			Pacific Report			Bully Beatdown
22:00	Days of our Lives	Degrassi: TNG		America's Newsroom	The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Briefing Encore	Seinfeld "The Blood"	Sports	SportsNation
22:30		Strange Days				USARJ This Week	Friends		
23:00	Oprah Winfrey	7th Heaven "Are" (Part 2 of 2)		Newsroom	The Grill Sergeants	Daily Show- Jon Stewart	Daily Show- Jon Stewart		Attack of the Show!
23:30			(:25) Movie The Aviator		Late Show-Letterman	Downrange	The Colbert Report		

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2009

00:00	Wheel of Fortune	True Jackson, VP	(11:25) Movie "The Aviator" (2004, Biography) Leonardo DiCaprio, Cate Blanchett, Kate Winslet. Howard Hughes produces movies and flies airplanes.	MSNBC Live	Late Show-Letterman	This Week in the Pentagon	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	(10:00) Sports	X Play
00:30	Jeopardy!	Naturally, Sadie			The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Fit For Duty			Yo Momma
1:00	Headline News	Summerland "Safe House"		Happening Now	Judge Judy	Recon	Battlestar Galactica "Day-break" (Part 1 of 2)		The Simpsons
1:30	ATS/AFN Report					Around the Services	Supernatural "Asylum"		Family Guy
2:00	NUMB3RS "Arrow of Time"	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Senior Pol"	(:35) Movie "Spider-Man 3" (2007, Action) Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst, James Franco. Peter Parker faces new challenges and new villains.	Newsroom	House "The Right Stuff"	Downrange			WWE Monday Night Raw
2:30						Today's Air Force			
3:00	The Game	Degrassi: Next Generation		MSNBC Live	Oprah Winfrey	Recon Revisited	Close to Home "Parents on Trial"	Sports	
3:30	Worst Week "The Sex"	Strange Days-Blake Holsey				State Dept Briefing			
4:00	The Jay Leno Show	7th Heaven "Are" (Part 2 of 2)		Studio B With Shepard Smith	Dr. Phil	Battleground	Seinfeld "The Blood"		The Salt 'N Pepa Show
4:30						Around the Services	Friends	College Football Live	Bully Beatdown
5:00	Headline News	Teletubbies	(:15) Movie "Laws of Attraction" (2004) Pierce Brosnan, Julianne Moore. Rival divorce attorneys fall in love.	The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Final Score	Army Newswatch	Namaste Yoga	Sports	SportsNation Hosts Colin Cowherd and Michelle Beadle.
5:30	The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Rolie Polie Olie		Glenn Beck	Headline News	This Week in the Pentagon	Total Body Sculpt With Gladiators	Jim Rome Is Burning	Attack of the Show!
6:00		Sesame Street			Good Morning America	Downrange	Giada at Home	Around the Horn	
6:30	Late Show With David Letterman	Bear in the Big Blue House	Movie Mob	Around the Services	Good Morning America	Around the Services	Cooking-Sandra Lee	Pardon the Interruption	
7:00						Briefing Encore	El News Entertainment news.	SportsCenter	MTV Hits Playlist
7:30	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Raggs	At the Movies	NBC Nightly News		FNG Useful benefits.	The Daily Show		
8:00		Dora the Explorer	Hollywood Dailies	World News-Gibson	Sesame Street	Fit For Duty	ER "Refusal of Care"	Sports	Sports
8:30	Judge Judy	Ni Hao, Kai-Lan	Entertainment Tonight	CBS Evening News		Around the Services			
9:00	House "The Right Stuff"	The Backyardigans	Movie "Danielle Steel's Secrets" (1992) Christopher Plummer. Private matters distract the cast of a producer's show.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	The View	Recon Revisited	Desperate Housewives "Liaisons"		
9:30		Curious George				State Dept Briefing			
10:00	Oprah Winfrey	Peep-Big World	(10:50) Movie "She's All That" (1999) Freddie Prinze Jr., Rachael Leigh Cook.	Hannity	Dr. Phil	Fit For Duty	Grey's Anatomy "Scars and Souvenirs"		
10:30						AFN Europe Report	Judge Judy		
11:00	Dr. Phil	Curious George		Anderson Cooper 360	The Dr. Oz Show	Recon	Judge Alex		Sports
11:30		The Backyardigans				Fit For Duty			
12:00	CBS Evening News	Ni Hao, Kai-Lan	(:35) Movie "Sister Act" (1992) Whoopi Goldberg. A Reno lounge singer poses as a nun to elude mob assassins.	Special Report With Bret Baier	Access Hollywood	Battleground	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "1-15 Murders"		
12:30	ESPNEWS	Dora the Explorer		Campbell Brown	The King of Queens	Around the Services	Challenge		
13:00	Prime News Tonight	Raggs			The Young and the Restless	Briefing Encore			
13:30		Bear in the Big Blue House				Downrange			
14:00	NBC Nightly News	Sesame Street	Movie "Silverado" (1985, Western) Kevin Kline, Scott Glenn, Kevin Costner. Old West drifters shoot it out with sheriff, clan.	Your World With Neil Cavuto	General Hospital	AFN Europe Report	Emeril Live	SportsCenter	Sports
14:30	World News-Gibson					Recon			
15:00	Sesame Street	Funnist Home Videos		The Rachel Maddow Show	Days of our Lives	Fit For Duty	Landscape Smart	SportsCenter	
15:30		Planet's Funniest Animals		Around the Services	Oprah Winfrey	Battleground	Color Splash		
16:00	The View	(3:50) Pokémon		Tavis Smiley		Recon Revisited	Top Gear	Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
16:30		(:40) Zatch Bell							
17:00	Dr. Phil	(:05) The Fairly OddParents	Behind the Scenes	Nightly Business Report	Wheel of Fortune	Around the Services	King of the Hill "SerPunt"		X Play
17:30		Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles	Entertainment Studios.com	Nightline	Jeopardy!	Downrange	That '70s Show		Yo Momma
18:00	The Dr. Oz Show	SpongeBob SquarePants	Hollywood Dailies	The O'Reilly Factor	World News-Gibson	Fl. Hood on Track	Daily Show- Jon Stewart		The Simpsons
18:30		Hannah Montana	Entertainment Tonight		Around the Services	Today's Air Force	The Colbert Report		Family Guy
19:00	Access Hollywood	Sonny With a Chance	Movie "Transformers" (2007, Action) Shia LaBeouf, Tyrese Gibson, Josh Duhamel. Two races of robots wage war on Earth.	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	American Dad	Briefing Encore	Dancing With the Stars		The Ultimate Fighter
19:30	The King of Queens	Zoey 101			Family Guy	Fit For Duty			
20:00	The Young and the Restless	American Dreams "And Promises to Keep"		Today	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "All In"	Battleground	Wedding Day		Gotti's Way
20:30						Air Force Football			Harlem Heights
21:00	General Hospital	Beverly Hills, 90210		Today	The Jay Leno Show	Around the Services	Desperate Housewives "Marry Me a Little"		Rock of Love With Bret Michaels
21:30			(:45) Movie "Signs" (2002, Suspense) Mel Gibson, Joaquin Phoenix. A widower investigates huge circles in his crop fields.			Pacific Report			
22:00	Days of our Lives	Degrassi: Next Generation		America's Newsroom	Pacific Report	Briefing Encore	Seinfeld "The Junk Mail"	Sports	SportsNation Hosts Colin Cowherd and Michelle Beadle.
22:30		Strange Days-Blake Holsey			The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	This Week in the Pentagon	Friends		
23:00	Oprah Winfrey	7th Heaven "Changes"		Newsroom		Tour of Duty	Daily Show- Jon Stewart		Attack of the Show!
23:30			(:45) MovieX2: X-Men United		Late Show-Letterman	Downrange	The Colbert Report		

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2009

00:00	Wheel of Fortune	Sonny With a Chance	(11:45) Movie "X2: X-Men United" (2003) Patrick Stewart, Hugh Jackman. A right-wing militarist pursues the mutants.	MSNBC Live	Late Show-Letterman	EXchange on Air	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	(10:00) Sports	X Play
00:30	Jeopardy!	Zoey 101			The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Fit For Duty			Yo Momma
1:00	Headline News	American Dreams "And Promises to Keep"		Happening Now	Judge Judy	Today's Air Force	The Starter Wife "The French Disconnection"		The Simpsons
1:30	ATS/AFN Report					Around the Services	Ghost Whisperer "Big Chills"		Family Guy
2:00	American Dad	Beverly Hills, 90210	(:15) Movie "Transformers" (2007, Action) Shia LaBeouf, Tyrese Gibson, Josh Duhamel. Two races of robots wage war on Earth.	Newsroom	House "97 Seconds"	Downrange			The Ultimate Fighter
2:30	Family Guy					This Week in the Pentagon			
3:00	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "All In"	Degrassi: Next Generation		MSNBC Live	Oprah Winfrey	The Grill Sergeants	Psych Gus' dad is a suspect.	Sports	Gotti's Way
3:30		Strange Days-Blake Holsey				State Dept Briefing			Harlem Heights
4:00	The Jay Leno Show	7th Heaven "Changes"		Studio B With Shepard Smith	Dr. Phil	Battleground	Seinfeld "The Junk Mail"	College Football Live	Rock of Love With Bret Michaels
4:30						Around the Services	Friends		
5:00	Headline News	Teletubbies	Movie "Signs" (2002) Mel Gibson, Joaquin Phoenix.	The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Final Score	All Hands TV	Namaste Yoga	Sports	SportsNation Hosts Colin Cowherd and Michelle Beadle.
5:30	Tonight Show-Conan O'Brien	Rolie Polie Olie			Headline News	Recon	Total Body Sculpt With Gladiators	Jim Rome Is Burning	

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Furniture/Appliances 511

Yokohama/Negishi - Shark Re-tractor clean air hand vac with retractable cord. Still in box - never used. Will accept reasonable offer. Leaving Japan on the 30th - call 269-6291 or 080-4073-8157. Email: james.r.guest@us.army.mil or jimguest.japan@yahoo.com

Household Items 560

Yokota, Japan - Large Japanese Kanji Frame. They are Ichigo-ichio only once in the life! This is good for display on white wall. Size: 4' x 1.5'. Please e-mail me at yokotajapan73@hotmail.com or call me at 090-9825-3805 (Soft Bank User can text me with the number). Asking \$35 OBO Please call 090-9825-3805 or e-mail yokotajapan73@hotmail.com

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Home Electronics 570

Yokohama/Negishi - Coby 20 watts CD stereo system. Still in box - never used. Will accept reasonable offer. Leaving Japan on the 30th - call 269-6291 or 080-4073-8157. Email: james.r.guest@us.army.mil or jimguest.japan@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - gray glass TV stand 100CM long 50 CM wide 50 CM high, Asking \$50 Please call (323)338-7553

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Yokota, Japan - PS3 (Needs help) PS3 for some reason the disk only reads sometimes. If you know how to fix it will be a steal. One year old hardly used everything else in the system works. Just intermittent on disks asking \$100 OBO please email friskofan01@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - XLR male-female cable (10 meters) like new, no wear. For connecting musical instruments, amps, etc. Asking \$30 Please call 090-4389-3536

Home Electronics 570

Yokota, Japan - X-Box w/games Original in good working condition. All parts in box plus additional controller. Games included in price include: Counter Strike Tony Hawk's Underground Medal of Honor Frontline Star Wars/Tetris Combo T.C. Splinter Cell: Pandora Tomorrow Prince of Persia: Sands of Time Star Wars: KOTOR Star Wars: Battlefront 2 Hit man 2 Madden NFL 06 All games work and system operates great. Asking price is \$50 OBO for all. Please e-mail to: ektrikboogaloo@yahoo.com

Jobs Offered 630

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Lost 670

Yokota, Japan - Lost Blue Herder Grill from my Car. A small blue piece left off my car maybe you seen it and picked it up somewhere? I will enclose a picture to show you what it looks like. It's from a Mazda RX7. Please call me if you have seen it, or if you can help me get a new one. Please call Sheridan Turner 080-3588-0119

Musical Instruments 740

Yokota, Japan - CASIO CTK-481 Keyboard This keyboard still works perfectly, great for any aspiring musician! Even a used one will cost you \$80 on Amazon. This is a real deal for just \$50 OBO! Link: or email http://www.amazon.com/Casio-CTK-481-Keyboards-Adapter-Books/dp/B00006HMQ3 Please call 080-4151-1869 or email scott_jason_d@i.softbank.jp

Musical Instruments 740

Yokota, Japan - Fender DG-20CE Acoustic/Electric Guitar with Locke Fender Acoustic/Electric Guitar with Matching Locking Hard Shell Case in Excellent Condition. Comes with 5 Picks, Seiko ST-727 Guitar/Bass Electronic Tuner, And a Chord Clamp Asking \$300 OBO Please call 1-425-999-8508 or e-mail mrvak@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - For sale Like new Pearl Drum set, rarely used. Comes with 2 symbols, high hats, bass pedal, and 4 mute pads for snare, toms and floor tom Asking \$ 550 Please call Judah 0425-69-6386

Outdoor Living 775

Yokota, Japan - garden (west housing) home fence and awning for 2 story garden house. Professionally built. July 2009 Paid \$2500; great condition PCS in November ready to sell today. Asking \$2000 obo still in the ground, you must come and get it. Call or e-mail me for address. 090-1347-0394

Yokota, Japan - Weber charcoal grill great grill in excellent condition, I changed to gas asking \$20 Please Call (323)338-7553 or email mdfisherman@hotmail.com

Pets 820

Negishi, Japan - 1 year old pure breed male yellow Labrador Retriever free to a good home, very sweet and kind and has tons of energy, crate trained, house broken and fixed. Will provide pedigree papers (in Japanese) crate and metal training collar. Contact 09085697764/65 or email: xxone12xx@yahoo.com

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Pets 820

Yokota, Japan - German shepherd - Leonia's is a 1 yr old pure breed German shepherd. He's crate trained and house broken. He's a house dog but needs a yard to run around in which I don't have/can't provide him. He loves to take walks and is very loving, a good listener, and will take all the attention he can get. He has been neutered. I have his crate, toys, food, treats, etc that will come with him. Asking \$250 Please call 080-3588-1641

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Pet Accessories 822

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Yokota - We just arrived and need a townhouse fence for our little dog. Please call 080-3443-7948, arrange a price and I will remove it when you are ready to move.

Photography 830

Yokota, Japan - Digital Camera Panasonic DMC-LZ2 6.0 MP with 6X Optical Zoom - 2" LCD Display - SD Card Compatible - Requires 2 AA Batteries - Comes with USB Connect Cable and Icon Carrying Case Asking \$40 Please call 1-425-999-8508 or email mrvak@yahoo.com

Real Estate 850

Moving to Ft Bragg/Pope AFB NC? 4BR/3BA "Gates Four" home in Jack Britt School District, gated golf community. Sorry no pets, avail 1 Jan 10, \$1600/mo. http://ourNHome.tripod.com

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SCOREBOARD

Sports on AFN

Tuesday
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.—MLB playoffs: American League championship series, Game 3, N.Y. Yankees at L.A. Angels (dld).
AFN-Sports, 8 p.m.—NFL: Denver at San Diego (dld).

Wednesday
AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.—NFL: Denver at San Diego (dld).
AFN-Sports, 5 a.m.—Golf: PGA Grand Slam of Golf, first round.
AFN-Xtra, 8 a.m.—NHL: St. Louis at Pittsburgh.

AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.—MLB playoffs: American League championship series, Game 4, N.Y. Yankees at L.A. Angels.
AFN-Xtra, 10:30 a.m.—NHL: Columbus at Calgary.

AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.—MLB playoffs: American League championship series, Game 4, N.Y. Yankees at L.A. Angels (dld).
AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.—NFL RePLAY: Game 1, teams TBD (dld, 90-minute cutdown).
AFN-Xtra, 10:30 p.m.—NFL RePLAY: Game 2, teams TBD (dld, 90-minute cutdown).

Thursday
AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.—MLB playoffs: NL championship series, Game 5, L.A. Dodgers at Philadelphia.
AFN-Xtra, 9 a.m.—College football: Florida State at North Carolina.
AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.—NFL RePLAY: Game 3, teams TBD (dld, 90-minute cutdown).
AFN-Sports, 10:30 p.m.—NFL RePLAY: Game 4, teams TBD (dld, 90-minute cutdown).

All times are Japan and Korea Standard; (dld) indicates delayed broadcast. All listings are subject to change. Visit www.myafn.net for more information.

Deals

Sunday's transactions

National Hockey League
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Assigned RW Jack Skille to Rockford (AHL).
MONTREAL CANADIENS—Recalled D Marc-Andre Bergeron from Hamilton (AHL). Assigned D Shawn Belle to Hamilton.
PHOENIX COYOTES—Assigned F Kevin Porter to San Antonio (AHL).
SAN JOSE SHARKS—Assigned F Jamie McGinn and D Derek Joslin to Worcester (AHL).

Pro basketball

NBA exhibition

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	5	1	.833	—
Philadelphia	5	1	.833	—
New York	2	2	.500	2
Toronto	2	5	.286	3½
New Jersey	0	5	.000	4½

Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	5	0	1.000	—
Atlanta	3	1	.750	½
Washington	3	2	.600	2
Miami	1	4	.200	4
Charlotte	1	1	.167	4½

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	5	1	.833	—
Detroit	3	3	.500	2
Milwaukee	3	3	.500	2
Cleveland	2	3	.400	2½
Indiana	2	3	.400	2½

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	4	1	.800	—
Houston	3	3	.500	½
San Antonio	2	2	.500	½
Memphis	2	4	.333	2½
New Orleans	2	4	.333	2½

Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	3	2	.600	—
Portland	3	3	.500	½
Oklahoma City	2	2	.500	½
Denver	2	3	.400	1
Minnesota	1	3	.200	2

Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	4	1	.800	—
L.A. Clippers	4	2	.667	½
Golden State	3	2	.600	½
Phoenix	2	3	.400	2
Sacramento	1	3	.250	2½

Saturday's games
L.A. Clippers 103, Utah 96
Memphis 115, Detroit 94
New Orleans 108, Indiana 96
Milwaukee 101, Minnesota 87
Dallas 93, Cleveland 82
Sacramento 101, Golden State 94
L.A. Lakers 91, Charlotte 87

Sunday's games
New York 106, Maccabi 91
Boston 101, Toronto 82
Philadelphia 116, Phoenix 94
Utah 110, Charlotte 83
Portland 98, Denver 96
L.A. Lakers 114, L.A. Clippers 108

Monday's games
Washington at Atlanta
Orlando at Chicago
Oklahoma City at Houston

Pro hockey

NHL

Eastern Conference				
Atlantic Division				
	GP	W	L	OT Pts
N.Y. Rangers	8	7	1	0
Pittsburgh	8	7	1	0
New Jersey	7	4	3	0
Philadelphia	6	3	2	1
N.Y. Islanders	6	0	3	3

Northeast Division				
	GP	W	L	OT Pts
Ottawa	7	5	2	0
Buffalo	6	4	1	1
Boston	7	3	4	0
Montreal	7	2	5	0
Toronto	7	0	6	1

Southeast Division				
	GP	W	L	OT Pts
Washington	8	4	2	2
Atlanta	5	4	1	0
Tampa Bay	7	2	3	2
Carolina	7	2	4	1
Florida	6	2	4	0

Western Conference				
Central Division				
	GP	W	L	OT Pts
Chicago	8	5	1	0
Columbus	6	3	2	1
St. Louis	6	3	2	1
Detroit	7	3	3	1
Nashville	7	2	4	1

Northwest Division				
	GP	W	L	OT Pts
Colorado	8	6	2	1
Calgary	8	5	2	1
Edmonton	7	4	2	1
Vancouver	7	3	4	0
Minnesota	7	1	6	0

Pacific Division				
	GP	W	L	OT Pts
Phoenix	7	5	2	0
Dallas	7	3	3	1
San Jose	8	4	3	1
Los Angeles	8	4	4	0
Anaheim	7	3	3	1

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.
Sunday's Games
No games scheduled
Monday's Games
San Jose at N.Y. Rangers
Los Angeles at Dallas
Vancouver at Edmonton
Tuesday's Games
St. Louis at Montreal
Atlanta at Columbus
Columbus at Calgary

Pro soccer

MLS

Eastern Conference				
	W	L	T	Pts
y-Columbus	13	6	10	49
Chicago	10	7	12	42
New England	10	10	9	39
Toronto FC	10	10	9	39
Kansas City	8	13	8	32
New York	4	19	6	18

Western Conference				
	W	L	T	Pts
x-Chivas USA	13	9	6	45
x-Houston	12	8	9	45
x-Los Angeles	11	6	12	45
x-Seattl	11	7	11	44
Colorado	10	9	10	40
FC Dallas	10	12	6	39
Real Salt Lake	11	12	7	37
San Jose	7	13	9	30

x- clinched playoff berth
y- clinched conference
Toronto FC 1, Real Salt Lake 0
New England 0, Chicago 0, tie
D.C. United 1, Columbus 0
Seattle FC 3, Kansas City 2
FC Dallas 2, Colorado 1
Chivas USA 2, San Jose 2, tie
Sunday's game
Los Angeles 0, Houston 0, tie
Thursday's game
Toronto FC at New York
Saturday, October 24
D.C. United at Kansas City
Colorado at Real Salt Lake
FC Dallas at Seattle FC
San Jose at Los Angeles

Sunday
Galaxy 0, Dynamo 0
Los Angeles 0 0-0
Houston 0 0-0
Goalies—Los Angeles, Donovan Ricketts; Houston, Pat Onstad.
Yellow Cards—Beckham, Los Angeles, 83rd.; Houston, 83rd.; Odoro, Houston, 92nd+; Gordon, Los Angeles, 92nd+.
Red Cards—Ching, Houston, 83rd.
A—29,470 (32,000)

Golf

Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospitals for Children Open

PGA Tour
Sunday
At TPC Summerlin
Las Vegas
Purse: \$4.2 million
Yardage: 7,223; Par: 71
Final Round

(x-Won on third playoff hole)
x-Martin Laird, \$756,000 63-67-67-68-265 -19
C. Campbell, \$369,600 67-62-67-69-265 -19
G. McNeill, \$369,600 66-69-63-67-265 -19
Jim Furyk, \$184,800 64-67-73-62-266 -18
Jeff Klauk, \$184,800 65-67-66-68-266 -18
C. Hoffman, \$151,200 66-69-64-68-267 -17
A. Romero, \$113,700 68-69-67-64-268 -16
Tim Petrovic, \$113,700 65-68-72-63-268 -16
Matt Kuchar, \$113,700 66-64-72-66-268 -16
D.J. Trahan, \$113,700 71-65-65-67-268 -16
R. Fowler, \$113,700 67-64-69-68-268 -16
Ryan Moore, \$113,700 67-67-70-69-268 -16
T. Pernice, Jr., \$113,700 62-69-68-69-268 -16
K. Streelman, \$71,400 66-67-66-67-269 -15
Greg Chalmers, \$71,400 66-67-67-69-269 -15
Hunter Mahan, \$71,400 60-63-67-69-269 -15
Jason Bohn, \$71,400 66-67-65-71-269 -15
Scott Piercy, \$71,400 64-67-65-73-269 -15
F. Jacobson, \$36,960 66-69-68-68-271 -13
Matt Weibring, \$50,904 68-68-68-66-270 -14
Dean Wilson, \$50,904 70-70-66-67-270 -14
Ben Crane, \$50,904 68-65-69-68-270 -14
Chris Stroud, \$50,904 69-68-70-63-270 -14
Bob Heintz, \$50,904 63-67-68-72-270 -14
Alex Cejka, \$36,960 66-68-70-67-271 -13
T. Jacobson, \$36,960 66-69-68-68-271 -13
B. Snedeker, \$36,960 69-66-67-69-271 -13
R. Thacher, \$26,231 68-67-70-67-272 -12
Tim Clark, \$26,231 69-66-70-67-272 -12
Chris DiMarco, \$26,231 69-68-68-67-272 -12
Brian Gay, \$26,231 66-72-65-69-272 -12
Kyle Stanley, \$26,231 67-70-67-69-272 -12
Tim Herron, \$26,231 74-63-66-69-272 -12
Bill Lunde, \$26,231 68-70-68-66-272 -12
Billy Mayfair, \$26,231 68-67-68-69-272 -12
Rich Beem, \$26,231 69-64-75-64-272 -12
Troy Matteson, \$26,231 62-67-70-73-272 -12
Kirk Triplett, \$26,231 65-69-66-72-272 -12
Chris Riley, \$16,800 73-64-67-69-273 -11
Tag Ridings, \$16,800 70-65-70-68-273 -11
A. Baddeley, \$16,800 66-69-69-69-273 -11
D.A. Points, \$16,800 69-69-69-69-273 -11
S. Elkington, \$16,800 70-67-70-66-273 -11
P. McLachlin, \$16,800 67-65-70-71-273 -11
J. Mallingier, \$16,800 72-62-68-71-273 -11
Mark Wilson, \$16,800 67-66-68-72-273 -11
J.J. Henry, \$13,020 71-63-74-66-274 -10
Greg Owen, \$10,788 66-68-70-71-275 -9
Nathan Green, \$10,788 68-66-72-69-275 -9
R. Garrigus, \$10,788 65-70-68-72-275 -9
Matthew Goggins, \$10,788 67-65-71-68-275 -9
E. Gonzalez, \$10,788 75-63-69-68-275 -9
J. Wagner, \$10,788 68-68-73-66-275 -9
Daniel Chopra, \$10,788 69-68-72-66-275 -9
Jerry Kelly, \$9,618 66-69-69-72-276 -8
C. Howell III, \$9,618 69-68-69-70-276 -8
Spencer Levin, \$9,618 62-71-68-75-276 -8
Steve Lowery, \$9,618 68-70-70-67-276 -8
Bo Van Pelt, \$9,282 68-65-72-72-277 -7
Ryuji Imada, \$9,282 70-66-70-71-277 -7
Stuart Appleby, \$9,282 70-67-70-70-277 -7
Ted Purdy, \$9,282 67-70-71-69-277 -7
Jeev M. Singh, \$8,904 67-65-75-71-278 -6
David Tom, \$8,904 66-71-70-77-278 -6
Jay Williamson, \$8,904 66-71-70-69-278 -6
H. Frazar, \$8,904 69-69-71-69-278 -6
Jeff Quinney, \$8,904 68-70-71-69-278 -6
Briny Baird, \$8,610 65-71-74-69-279 -5
C. Petterson, \$8,610 69-69-72-69-279 -5
T. Armour III, \$8,442 68-70-68-75-281 -2
C. Beckman, \$8,442 70-67-73-71-281 -3
Nick O'Hern, \$8,316 67-69-75-71-282 -3
Brian Bateman, \$8,232 69-68-72-75-284 -1
Glen Day, \$8,148 70-68-78-69-285 +1

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Final

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Bob Tway, \$136,000 67-70-70-207 -9
Jay Haas, \$136,000 70-66-71-207 -9
Tom Lehman, \$83,867 69-71-68-208 -8
B. Langer, \$83,867 68-71-69-208 -8
Dan Forsman, \$83,867 64-71-73-208 -8
Russ Cochran, \$54,400 68-71-70-209 -7
Olin Browne, \$54,400 69-70-70-209 -7
Tom Watson, \$54,400 69-68-72-209 -7
David Frost, \$40,800 74-70-66-210 -6
Mark Wiebe, \$40,800 67-69-74-210 -6
Gene Jones, \$40,800 69-67-74-210 -6
Fuzzy Zoeller, \$34,000 70-74-67-211 -5
Don Pooley, \$28,900 73-68-72-212 -4
Nick Price, \$28,900 67-74-71-212 -4
Bob Gilder, \$28,900 74-68-70-212 -4
Mark James, \$28,900 71-70-71-212 -4
Keith Fergus, \$28,900 68-73-71-212 -4
Fred Funk, \$21,803 72-72-69-213 -3
Andy Bean, \$21,803 71-72-70-213 -3
Craig Stadler, \$21,803 73-68-72-213 -3
Bruce Lietzke, \$21,803 68-71-74-213 -3
Mark O'Meara, \$17,850 72-70-72-214 -2
Jim Thorpe, \$17,850 69-72-73-214 -2
David Eger, \$17,850 69-71-74-214 -2
Tom Kite, \$15,130 71-75-69-215 -1
Loren Roberts, \$15,130 70-73-72-215 -1
Craig Tiedeman, \$15,130 69-74-72-215 -1
Fulton Allem, \$15,130 74-68-73-215 -1
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Hal Sutton, \$11,754 73-72-71-216 E
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John Morse, \$11,754 73-71-72-216 E
Jack Ferenz, \$11,754 71-72-73-216 E
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Jay Don Blake, \$11,754 67-72-77-216 E
Kirk Hanefeld, \$9,010 75-72-70-217 +1
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Bruce Fleisher, \$9,010 71-74-72-217 +1
John Harris, \$9,010 68-76-73-217 +1
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Ronnie Black, \$7,480 76-71-71-218 +2
Larry Freeman, \$7,480 70-73-75-218 +2
Robby Nelson, \$7,480 74-69-75-218 +2
D.A. Weibring, \$6,120 74-73-72-219 +3
Ben Crenshaw, \$6,120 71-75-73-219 +3
Lanny Wadkins, \$6,120 70-75-74-219 +3
Bruce Vaughan, \$6,120 74-74-74-219 +3
Mark McNulty, \$4,760 74-75-71-220 +4
Peter Jacobsen, \$4,760 73-74-73-220 +4
Sandy Lyle, \$4,760 73-73-74-220 +4
James Mason, \$4,760 73-70-77-220 +4
Bobby Wadkins, \$4,080 71-76-74-221 +5
Chip Beck, \$3,400 72-77-73-222 +6
Gary Hallberg, \$3,400 76-74-72-222 +6
Tom Wargo, \$3,400 74-75-73-222 +6
Wayne Levi, \$3,400 74-74-74-222 +6
Lonnie Nielsen, \$3,400 74-74-74-222 +6
Curtis Straker, \$3,400 73-73-76-222 +6
Denis Watson, \$3,400 69-73-80-222 +6
Scott Simpson, \$2,635 71-79-73-223 +7
Gary Jenkins, \$2,635 74-74-74-223 +7
B. Summerhays, \$2,295 75-78-71-224 +8
Phil Blackmar, \$2,295 73-77-74-224 +8
Tom Purtzer, \$2,040 73-77-75-225 +9
R. L. Thompson, \$1,870 77-74-75-226 +10
K. Clearwater, \$1,598 81-76-70-227 +11
Mike Morgan, \$1,598 75-72-80-227 +11
Mike Hulbert, \$1,598 74-70-83-227 +11
Mike Goodes, \$1,343 76-76-76-228 +12
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College football

AP Top 25

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Oct. 17, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous rankings:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Alabama (39)	7-0	1,447	2
2. Florida (20)	6-0	1,434	1
3. Texas	6-0	1,365	3
4. Southern Cal	5-1	1,213	6
5. Cincinnati	6-0	1,163	8
6. Boise St.	6-0	1,156	5
7. Iowa	7-0	1,092	11
8. Miami	5-1	1,056	9
9. LSU	5-1	1,014	10
10. TCU	6-0	1,001	12
11. Georgia Tech	6-1	861	19
12. Oregon	5-1	849	13
13. Penn St.	6-1	753	14
14. Oklahoma St.	5-1	690	16
15. Virginia Tech	5-2	684	4
16. BYU	6-1	601	18
17. Houston	5-1	478	23
18. Ohio St.	5-2	373	7
19. Utah	5-1	350	24
20. Pittsburgh	6-1	330	—
21. Texas Tech	5-2	286	—
22. West Virginia	5-1	205	—
23. South Carolina	5-2	159	22
24. Kansas	5-1	120	17
25. Oklahoma	3-3	117	20

Others receiving votes: Notre Dame

MLB PLAYOFFS: NLCS

Lee plays the ace; Phillies take 2-1 lead

Werth, Howard spark early barage en route to 11-0 romp

BY ROB MAADDI
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Cliff Lee is turning into Philadelphia's latest October ace. Ryan Howard has become their new Charlie Hustle.

Lee dominated the Los Angeles Dodgers, and Howard and Jayson Werth provided the big swings early as the Phillies cruised 11-0 Sunday night for a 2-1 lead in the NL championship series.

Lee provided another brilliant playoff start, striking out 10 and allowing only three hits in eight innings. He's 2-0 with an 0.74 ERA in three playoff starts. Last year, Cole Hamels was masterful on the mound during Philadelphia's run to the World Series.

"Cliff Lee, what can I say about him? He was absolutely outstanding," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said.

Howard ran hard for a triple and Werth homered as the Phillies led 6-0 by the second inning. Howard sparked memories of Pete Rose by making two headfirst dives during the romp. The All-Star first baseman has driven in runs in each of Philadelphia's seven playoff games this year, a record streak.

"He's a big-game player," Werth said. "We've got a lot of guys like that here, guys that thrive in big situations."

The Phillies came up with the most-lopsided victory in their playoff history.

Joe Blanton starts Game 4 Monday night against the Dodgers' Randy Wolf, who hasn't pitched since the opener of the division series against St. Louis.

"You never want to get your rear end kicked," Dodgers manager Joe Torre said. "But you don't toss and turn and wonder if you made the right move. It's still only one game and we're in position to tie the series tomorrow."

The next two games in the best-of-seven series will be in Philadelphia.

Howard drove in three runs, two with his triple in the first. Werth followed with a two-run homer, and that was more than enough for Lee.

Last year's AL Cy Young Award winner faced just two batters over the minimum, giv-



Philadelphia's Jayson Werth is greeted by teammates after his two-run homer during the first inning of Game 3 of the NLCS Sunday against Los Angeles. The Phillies rolled to an 11-0 win.

ing up two singles to Manny Ramirez and one to Ronnie Belliard.

Manuel planned to send Lee out for the ninth until he singled in the eighth and scored on Shane Victorino's three-run homer. Chad Durbin came on and pitched a perfect ninth.

Acquired from Cleveland in late July, Lee is giving the Phillies exactly what they expected when they made the blockbuster deal.

"I don't know if I ever doubted myself," Lee said. "I always had confidence in myself."

After wasting a stellar performance by Pedro Martinez in Game 2, the Phillies jumped on Dodgers starter Hiroki Kuroda right from the start.

On a brisk 46-degree night — almost half the temperature at Dodger Stadium for Game 2 Friday — Philadelphia's hitters had no trouble swinging hot bats. Every starter except Raul Ibanez had a hit and all nine starters scored a run.

Victorino's home run to deep right field put

an emphatic exclamation mark on the rout. The shot also helped the Phillies outscore the city's NFL team. The Eagles lost 13-9 to the Oakland Raiders on Sunday.

Making his first start in 20 days, Kuroda only got four outs and was charged with six runs on six hits. Torre chose Kuroda over Chad Billingsley even though Kuroda was unavailable for the first-round series against St. Louis because of a bulging disc in his neck.

"They put me on the mound and I have to come through, but I didn't," Kuroda said through a translator.

Carlos Ruiz started the second inning with a double and scored on Jimmy Rollins' one-out double that chased Kuroda.

Scott Elbert came in and walked Victorino and Utley to load the bases. Rollins then scored on Howard's RBI dribbler to put the Phillies up 6-0. Howard slid headfirst into first on that play, trying to avoid the tag.

MLB scoreboard

Playoffs

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES (Best of seven)

American League
Friday, Oct. 16
New York 4, Los Angeles 1.
Saturday, Oct. 17
New York 4, Los Angeles 3, 13 innings,
Yankees lead 2-0.

National League
Monday, Oct. 19
New York at Los Angeles
Tuesday, Oct. 20
New York at Los Angeles
Thursday, Oct. 22
New York at Los Angeles*

Philadelphia at New York*
Saturday, Oct. 24
Los Angeles at New York*

National League
Thursday, Oct. 15
Philadelphia 8, Los Angeles 6
Friday, Oct. 16
Los Angeles 2, Philadelphia 1
Sunday, Oct. 18
Philadelphia 11, Los Angeles 0, Phillies lead 2-1.

Monday, Oct. 19
Los Angeles at Philadelphia
Wednesday, Oct. 21
Los Angeles at Philadelphia
Friday, Oct. 23
Philadelphia at Los Angeles*
Saturday, Oct. 24
Philadelphia at Los Angeles*
* — if necessary

Sunday

Phillies 11, Dodgers 0

Los Angeles					Philadelphia				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Furcal ss	4	0	0	0	Rollins ss	5	1	1	1
Bellard 2b	4	0	1	0	Victorino cf	3	2	3	0
Ethier rf	3	0	0	0	Utley 2b	4	1	2	0
Mkrmz lf	3	0	2	0	Howard 1b	4	1	1	3
Kemp cf	3	0	0	0	Werth rf	4	1	1	2
Loney 1b	3	0	0	0	Ibanez lf	3	1	0	0
Blake 3b	3	0	0	0	BFrrcs lf	0	0	0	0
Belisario p	0	0	0	0	P.Feliz 3b	4	1	1	1
RMartn p	0	0	0	0	C.Ruiz c	3	2	2	1
Kuroda p	0	0	0	0	Cl.Lee p	3	1	1	0
Elbert p	0	0	0	0	Durbin p	0	0	0	0
Bingsp p	1	0	0	0					
OHudsn ph	1	0	0	0					
Troncos p	0	0	0	0					
Loretta 3b	1	0	0	0					
Totals	29	0	3	0	Totals	33	11	11	11

Los Angeles					Philadelphia				
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO			
Kuroda L, 0-1	1 1/3	6	6	6	0	1			
Elbert	1/3	0	0	0	2	0			
Billingsley	3 1/3	2	2	2	2	3			
Troncoso	2	0	0	0	2	3			
Belisario	1	3	3	3	1	0			
Philadelphia									
Cl.Lee W, 1-0	8	3	0	0	0	10			
Durbin	1	0	0	0	0	0			
WP—Elbert. PB—R.Martin. T—3:12.									
A—45,721 (43,647).									

L.A.'s gamble doesn't pay off; Kuroda gets just four outs

BY DAN GELSTON
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Hiroki Kuroda's first start of the playoffs for Los Angeles was a bitterly brief one.

Two singles, a double, a triple, a home run. Philadelphia hit for the cycle only eight batters into Game 3 of the NL championship series, battering Kuroda on Sunday night and sending him to the dugout after only recording four outs.

Manager Joe Torre's gamble on Kuroda badly backfired in an 11-0 loss.

Kuroda might not get another chance to prove he can shut down the Phillies.

The 34-year-old righty could get the start in a possible Game 7, but the Dodgers trail 2-1 in the NLCS and have two more games in Philadelphia, where they are winless in the last two playoff series.

"I think I made it hard on myself because I couldn't throw the first-pitch strikes," Kuroda said through an interpreter. "It just became harder and harder later on in the count. That's it."

The Japanese-born Kuroda had nothing from the start in front of a rabid Phillies crowd. He was rested — and rusty — in his first start since Sept. 28. He sat out the NL division series against St. Louis because of a bulging disc in his neck.

A lengthy layoff didn't affect Phillies starter Pedro Martinez in Game 2.

Torre said he didn't know how he might use Kuroda the rest of the series. The four-time World Series champion manager refused to blame Kuroda's injury or the cooler weather for his struggles.

"The ball didn't behave," Torre said. Kuroda's past success against Philadelphia was one reason Torre gave him the ball. Kuroda was 1-0 and had allowed only two earned runs in 19 innings in three career regular-season starts against Philadelphia.

Against the Phillies in Game 3 of last year's NLCS, Kuroda earned the victory with six innings of two-run ball.

This Game 3 was about as different for Kuroda as the weather on the two coasts for this series.

Perhaps he still wasn't 100 percent, and the Phillies rocked him. Ryan Howard hustled for a two-run triple and Jayson Werth hit a two-run home run to make it 4-0 in the first inning.

Kuroda, 8-7 with a 3.76 ERA this season, allowed six runs in only 1 1/3 innings. He said his neck was fine.

"I'm not going to make that the excuse and I don't think it was the reason," Kuroda said.

Torre could have given the start to 12-game winner Chad Billingsley. Billingsley faded badly in the second half after a 9-3 record made him an NL All-Star. He bounced back with quality outings in his final two starts, but didn't pitch in the NLDS.

Veterans Jon Garland and Jeff Weaver were dropped from the NLCS roster.

Billingsley quieted the Phillies after their quick offensive start, retiring nine of 10 in one stretch and made his case to start a possible Game 6 or 7.

Torre was convinced Kuroda could pitch after 49 painfree pitches in a simulated

game last week in Arizona. He tossed an additional 21 in the bullpen. Pitching coach Rick Honeycutt came back from Arizona with a strong scouting report on Kuroda, making Torre's decision for a Game 3 starter almost an easy one.

"I didn't have any hesitation once I saw him early in that game that if things continued to go that way that we'd use him," Torre said.

Kuroda threw 39 pitches against the Phillies and few of them were quality ones.

"I don't second-guess the decision because we made it on what we saw, and his bullpen was good for this start," Torre said.

Kuroda had the shortest outing for a Dodgers starter in an NLCS game since Bob Welch lasted 1 1/3 innings in Game 3 of the 1983 series against the Phillies. Welch, though, left with an injury.

"He had good life on his fastball. He just didn't really have the command out there," catcher Russell Martin said.

Randy Wolf was to start Game 4 and the Dodgers had to hope he could handoff Philadelphia to get back into the series.



ISAAC BREKKEN/AP

Martin Laird reacts after sinking a birdie putt on the third playoff hole to win the Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospitals for Children Open at TPC Summerlin on Sunday in Las Vegas.

Golf roundup

Laird chills on way to 1st PGA victory

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The higher the stakes, the calmer Martin Laird became.

Laird won the Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospitals for Children Open on Sunday for his first PGA Tour title, beating George McNeill with a birdie on the third hole of a playoff.

Laird closed with a 3-under 68 to match McNeill (67) and former UNLV player Chad Campbell (69) at 19-under 265. Campbell was eliminated on the second extra hole.

"I don't know whether it was because I had a nice long par on 18 to get into the playoff," Laird said. "But when I got into the playoff I was surprised; I kind of chilled out a little. I was pretty nervous the last two or three holes in regulation, and once I got there in the playoff I kind of relaxed a little more."

"And when I stood up there on the first playoff hole and struck the ball down the middle, it was the perfect way to start the playoff."

Laird, a former Colorado State player, earned \$756,000 and a two-year tour exemption for the breakthrough victory at TPC Summerlin in his 53rd tour start. He jumped from 134th to 62nd on the money list with \$1,271,254.

Three-time Las Vegas winner Jim Furyk (62) and Jeff Klauk (68) tied at 18 under, and former UNLV player Charley Hoffman (68) was at 17 under.

Laird holed an 11-foot birdie putt on the par-4 18th for the victory after McNeill, the 2007 winner, hit his approach near the greenside water hazard, then lipped out an 18-foot par putt.

Campbell dropped out with a bogey on the par-3 17th.

"I didn't play that well today," Campbell said. "I was able to hang

around and make some putts and make some birdies to get myself into the playoff. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to get it done."

Laird took the lead from Campbell and Furyk at 19 under with a birdie on the par-5 ninth. Laird parred the next six holes before a birdie on the par-5 16th got him to 20 under. He promptly dropped back with a bogey on 17.

McNeill birdied the 18th to join Laird and Campbell at 19 under, and Campbell and Laird then closed with pars.

They opened the playoff with pars on No. 18, and Laird and McNeill advanced with pars on No. 17, while Campbell dropped out with his bogey.

Furyk birdied seven of the last nine holes in his career-best 62.

"I'm very happy with the way I played today," Furyk said. "And 62, to kind of end the year, is super."

Las Vegas native Scott Piercy, tied for the third-round lead, had double bogeys on 17 and 18 en route to a 73 and was 15 under.

Champions Tour: At The Woodlands, Texas, John Cook closed with a 4-under 68 to win the Adminstaff Small Business Classic, his third career seniors title and first this season.

"I haven't really walked off the 54th hole or 72nd hole of our weeks with a real good taste in my mouth until today," said Cook, 52, an 11-time winner on the PGA Tour.

Cook shot an 11-under 205 to hold off Jay Haas and Bob Tway for a two-shot victory at The Woodlands Country Club's Tournament Course.

Cook lost to Mike Reid in a playoff in August in the Jeld-Wen Tradition in Oregon, one of the Champions Tour majors, then was fifth two weeks ago in the Senior Players Championship.

NFL roundup

Bills leave Jets shaking their heads over a loss

The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — It was wild, sloppy and not easy to watch. The Buffalo Bills will take it, though, especially when few gave them a chance to beat the New York Jets.

"It feels great to win," linebacker Paul Posluszny said with a smile. "We needed this big time."

Rian Lindell kicked a 47-yard field goal with 2:44 left in overtime, making up for a miss at the end of regulation in the Bills' stunning 16-13 victory on Sunday.

"They won't quit, no matter what happens," Bills coach Dick Jauron said. "They just keep coming, and they kept coming."

For a team that lost three straight, saw starting quarterback Trent Edwards leave with a concussion and had fans calling for a change in the coaching staff, the Bills (2-4) and backup quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick came through in a big way.

Buffalo had a chance to win it in regulation, but Lindell was wide right on a 46-yard attempt into the wind as time expired.

"We had to pick each other up," Lindell said. "We made more mistakes than we'd like to. It's nice to overcome that and battle back."

The Bills took advantage of rookie Mark Sanchez's fifth interception of the day to set up Lindell's winning kick and send the sputtering Jets (3-3) to their third straight loss. Buffalo also overcame Thomas Jones' Jets franchise-record 210 yards rushing on 22 carries.

"I feel disgusted," right tackle Damien Woody said. "We had every opportunity to win this game." Added Sanchez: "It was an embarrassing day."

A week after holding Cleveland's Derek Anderson to 2-for-17 passing for 23 yards in a 6-3 loss, Buffalo made things miserable for Sanchez. The rookie was 10 of 29 for 119 yards and the five interceptions, including two by Jairus Byrd, with the last coming by Posluszny to set up the winning drive.

"I don't know if I could play any worse," the dejected Sanchez said. "It was totally my fault and I owe these guys a lot."

Fitzpatrick stepped in ably for Edwards, who left early in the second quarter. Fitzpatrick went 10 of 25 for 116 yards and a touchdown to Lee Evans, with one interception.

"He stepped in and we didn't miss a beat," Evans said.

The Jets finished with 318 yards rushing, including 99 by Leon Washington, but it went for naught as they were called for 14 penalties — their most since 1996.

"We lost," said Jones, who broke Curtis Martin's team mark of 203. "I could've had 2 yards. We lost the game."

Cardinals 27, Seahawks 3: Visiting Arizona moved into a tie for the NFC West lead with idle San Francisco as Kurt Warner completed 32 of 41 passes for 276 yards and two touchdowns.

Warner tied an NFL record as the fastest to throw for 30,000 yards in a career and Larry Fitzgerald tied his career high with 13 receptions for 100 yards and a touchdown. Warner hit the milestone in his 114th game, matching former Miami star Dan Marino. Indianapolis' Peyton Manning reached it in 115.

The Cardinals (3-2) led 14-0 before Seattle (2-4) ran its first play 12 minutes into the first quarter.

That was after a 15-play opening drive during which Warner completed all nine throws, and after the Seahawks failed to cover the ensuing pooch kickoff, setting up another touchdown.

Arizona's swarming defense held Seattle (2-4), which romped 41-0 over Jacksonville last week, to 128 yards and its fewest points at home since 2002.

Seattle's blumling day was epitomized early in the fourth quarter. As thousands began pouring out of the quiet stadium that used to provide the league's loudest home-field advantage, tight end John Carlson stumbled off the line and then had a pass from Matt Hasselbeck clang off his helmet.



KATHY WILLENS/AP

Buffalo's Brian Moorman celebrates with Rian Lindell (9) after Lindell's game-winning field goal in overtime on Sunday against the New York Jets.

Hasselbeck, who threw for four touchdowns in his return from broken ribs last week, completed just 10 of 29 throws for 112 yards. The 34 percent completion rate was Hasselbeck's lowest since 2004, also in a loss to Arizona.

He was sacked five times behind an offensive line containing a third-string left guard and fourth-string left tackle because it was missing three injured starters.

The Seahawks' offense went three-and-out seven times against the Cardinals, who are taking fewer risks under new coordinator Bill Davis, but looked as aggressive as ever to the besieged Seahawks. Two of Seattle's brief possessions totaled negative yardage.

Warner led a methodical 80-yard march to begin the game that seemed to stun Seattle. Fitzgerald jumped in front of overmatched Jordan Babineaux for the 2-yard touchdown catch.

Neil Rackers then lofted a pooch kickoff that bounced around the Seahawks 35. John Owens backed away and let the ball bounce before Arizona's Greg Toler recovered the free ball at the Seattle 23. Tim Hightower converted that gift into a 2-yard touchdown run.

Later, Calais Campbell sped through fill-in left guard Steve Vallos and fill-in tackle Kyle Williams and nailed Hasselbeck, causing a fumble that Bryan Robinson recovered at the Seahawks 23.

The first quarter ended with Seattle's renowned crowd roasting its home team. Arizona outgained Seattle 128-3 and held the ball for all but 43 seconds.

Rackers converted the fumble into a 29-yard field goal, Arizona led 17-0 and cruised from there.

Fitzgerald soared above Ken Lucas for a 19-yard catch that had the crowd gasping. Then Steve Breaston jumped higher than far smaller cornerback Kelly Jennings for a 16-yard touchdown reception of a pass from Warner to put Arizona up 24-3 late in the third quarter.

With 'extra fuel,' Raiders stun Eagles

By JOSH DUBOW
The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — With a blitzing defense that pressured Donovan McNabb all game, a physical running game and a rare big play in the passing game, the Oakland Raiders looked nothing like what the Philadelphia Eagles saw on film.

As stunned as the Eagles may have been by what they saw on the field, the result of the game may have been just as stunning to everyone else.

Louis Murphy threw two key blocks to spring Zach Miller's 86-yard touchdown catch, Justin Fargas ran for 87 yards and the Raiders sacked McNabb six times in a 13-9 victory on Sunday.

"I'm sure they watched the Giants game and thought we were sorry," said Trevor Scott, who had two sacks.

The Eagles (3-2) could be forgiven for thinking that after Oakland (2-4) lost 44-7 to New York last week, its third straight loss by at least 20 points.

The Giants game was so bad that New York linebacker Antonio Pierce said it felt like playing a scrimmage. Those comments were posted in the Raiders' locker room this week and the team responded to the critics in impressive fashion.

"That gave me extra fuel," Murphy said. "You have to look yourself in the mirror and man up. His comments were true. We played flat. We didn't play with any emotion. This game was totally different. We took those comments to heart."

The key Sunday was the Oakland defense. Coordinator John Marshall mixed in more zone coverages and blitzes than usual to combat a high-powered Philadelphia offense that was second in the league in scoring.

The Eagles abandoned the run early, only had Michael Vick on the field for two plays and were the first team in three years to fail to score a touchdown against the Raiders.

"They did some things that we weren't really expecting, some stuff that they really didn't show the first couple games," offensive lineman Winston Justice said. "We



TONY AVELAR/AP

Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb, right, is sacked by Raiders defensive end Jay Richardson in the third quarter Sunday in Oakland, Calif. Oakland sacked McNabb six times and looked nothing like the team that lost 44-7 to the New York Giants last week.

were caught by surprise."

Philadelphia's last chance ended when McNabb underthrew DeSean Jackson on fourth-and-4 from the Oakland 44 with 2:14 remaining.

David Akers missed two field goals for the Eagles, a 43-yarder wide left in the first quarter and a 47-yarder wide right in the third quarter that proved crucial down the stretch.

McNabb finished 22-for-46 for 269 yards. He struggled without left tackle Jason Peters, who left in the first quarter with an injured left knee.

"I'm embarrassed by the way we came out here and played. We're a much better football team," McNabb said.

JaMarcus Russell iced the game with a 12-yard pass to Gary Russell on third-and-10. He ran out the clock after that to the delight of the fans, who began the game by booing their quarterback.

"You can either take the punch or punch back," Russell said. "I think that's what we did today. The thing we have to do is build on it."

Russell completed 17 of 28 passes for 224 yards, with two interceptions and the

touchdown to Miller that was the longest pass play in 25 years for the Raiders.

Russell found Miller open over the middle on a pass 16 yards downfield. Miller then ran up the sideline and was sprung by a devastating block by Murphy that flattened Quintin Mikell. As Miller got close to the end zone, he slowed to give Murphy time to catch up and block Ellis Hobbs to help complete the 86-yard catch and run.

"I came over to him and was like, 'Man, that's the best two blocks I've ever seen from a wide receiver,'" Miller said. "I have to buy him something now. He deserves it."

Falcons take advantage of Bears' giveaways

By PAUL NEWBERRY
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Falcons sure know how to scramble at the end against the Chicago Bears.

Last year, Atlanta pulled out an improbable victory with a field goal as time ran out. This time, the Falcons came up with three huge stops inside the 20-yard-line, the last with less than a minute to go to preserve a 21-14 victory that left the Bears muttering about all the chances that got away Sunday night.

"We've been playing very good red-zone defense all season long," Atlanta coach Mike Smith said. "The guys made plays when the opportunities arose."

And Chicago didn't. "You want to kick yourself," linebacker Lance Briggs moaned.

Michael Turner scored the winning touchdown on a 5-yard run with 3:06 remaining, making up for an otherwise forgettable night. A bend-but-don't-break defense — and Chicago's miscues

— helped the Falcons (4-1) match the best five-game record in franchise history and stay just one game behind the unbeaten New Orleans Saints in the NFC South.

Jay Cutler had a pass intercepted early on at the Atlanta 9. Matt Forte fumbled on two straight runs from the 1 in the third quarter, the second of which was recovered by the Falcons. And one last chance was ruined when Orlando Pace moved before the snap on fourth-and-1 at the 5, leaving the Bears with a more daunting challenge they couldn't convert with 29 seconds left.

"You can't make those kind of mistakes," Chicago coach Lovie Smith said. "You can't make those kind of mistakes. When you get the ball in the red zone, you need to get points."

Then again, this was nothing new for the Falcons. Sixteen times this season, opponents have driven inside the Atlanta 20. The team has surrendered only six touchdowns on those possessions.

"Our defense, give them some credit," said Matt Ryan, who had two touchdown passes for the Fal-

cons but also two interceptions. "Our guys stepped up and made some plays when we needed them to."

The teams played a thriller for the second year in a row. Last season, the Bears (3-2) thought they had pulled out an improbable victory on a touchdown pass with 11 seconds remaining, only to blow it by going with a pooch kick and giving up a long completion that set up Jason Elam for a field goal. He knocked it through on the final play for a 22-20 victory.

This time, the Bears were denied in their comeback bid. Cutler guided Chicago down the field on his way to a season-high 300 yards passing, and a disputed pass-interference penalty on Curtis Lofton gave the Bears a first down at the Atlanta 14. Two penalties left Chicago with third-and-25 before Cutler went over the middle to Earl Bennett, who came down with the ball amid three defenders for a 24-yard reception.

That left the Bears needing 3 feet on fourth down, and they called time to set up a play. But Pace inexplicably took off ahead

of the snap, leaving Chicago with fourth-and-6. Cutler's final pass, going for Desmond Clark over the middle, bounced off the receiver's arm with Erik Coleman defending to preserve the Atlanta victory.

Atlanta's winning touchdown was set up by Eric Weems' 62-yard kickoff return. Ryan and Tony Gonzalez took over from there, hooking up on passes of 16 and 15 yards, before Turner finished off the drive from the 5. He found nothing but turf after cutting to his right, and a slight bump with teammate Verron Haynes was about the only chance he had to go down.

Turner, the No. 2 rusher in the NFL last season, finished with just 30 yards on 13 carries. Shaking off that frustration, he flung the ball into the air with his left hand after scoring.

"Our offensive line did a great job just giving me just enough time to get the ball off, and then Michael Turner did what he does," Ryan said. "The offensive line provided a great push and just paved his way."

The Bears lost despite outgaining the Falcons 373 yards to 253. Cutler completed 27 of 43 passes, going to Johnny Knox for a 23-yard touchdown that gave Chicago a 7-0 lead and a 2-yarder to Olsen that tied it with 6:14 remaining. Cutler also led the Bears in rushing with 34 yards, but his performance was marred by two interceptions — both by Thomas DeCoud, the first two of his career.

Ryan had a short throw that Roddy White turned into a 40-yard touchdown play, then went 10 yards to Gonzalez to give the Falcons a 14-7 halftime lead. Ryan, too, threw two interceptions, the second on a tipped ball with about 10 minutes remaining that gave new life to the Bears.

Cutler directed an eight-play, 92-yard drive that tied it. The quarterback got things started with a 30-yard scramble, went to Devin Hester for a 17-yard completion and took advantage of a pass-interference penalty on Chris Houston that moved the chains another 23 yards.

NFL scoreboard

American Conference						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	4	2	0	.667	163	91
N.Y. Jets	3	3	0	.500	114	104
Miami	2	3	0	.400	112	106
Buffalo	2	4	0	.333	93	129
South						
Indianapolis	5	0	0	1.000	137	71
Jacksonville	3	3	0	.500	120	147
Houston	3	3	0	.500	143	137
Tennessee	0	6	0	.000	84	198
North						
Cincinnati	4	2	0	.667	118	118
Pittsburgh	4	2	0	.667	140	112
Baltimore	3	3	0	.500	169	130
Cleveland	1	5	0	.167	69	148
West						
Denver	5	0	0	1.000	99	43
San Diego	2	2	0	.500	101	102
Oakland	2	4	0	.333	62	139
Kansas City	1	5	0	.167	98	144
National Conference						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	5	1	0	.833	178	119
Dallas	3	2	0	.600	122	98
Philadelphia	3	2	0	.600	136	99
Washington	2	4	0	.333	79	96
South						
New Orleans	5	0	0	1.000	192	93
Atlanta	4	1	0	.800	123	77
Carolina	2	3	0	.400	85	125
Tampa Bay	0	6	0	.000	89	168
North						
Minnesota	6	0	0	1.000	189	121
Green Bay	3	2	0	.600	130	93
Chicago	3	2	0	.600	119	99
Detroit	1	5	0	.167	103	188
West						
San Francisco	3	2	0	.600	112	98
Arizona	3	2	0	.600	112	92
Seattle	2	4	0	.333	118	109
St. Louis	0	6	0	.000	54	169
Sunday's games						
Green Bay	26	Detroit	0			
New Orleans	48	N.Y. Giants	27			
Pittsburgh	27	Cleveland	14			
Houston	28	Cincinnati	17			
Kansas City	14	Washington	6			
Carolina	28	Tampa Bay	21			
Jacksonville	23	St. Louis	20	OT		
Minnesota	33	Baltimore	31			
Arizona	27	Seattle	3			
Oakland	13	Philadelphia	9			
Buffalo	16	N.Y. Jets	13	OT		
New England	59	Tennessee	0			
Atlanta	21	Chicago	14			
Open:	Indianapolis, Miami, Dallas, San Francisco					
Monday's game						
Denver	at	San Diego				
Sunday, Oct. 25						
Minnesota	at	Pittsburgh				
San Francisco	at	Houston				
Indianapolis	at	St. Louis				
San Diego	at	Kansas City				
New England	at	Tampa Bay				
Green Bay	at	Cleveland				
Buffalo	at	Carolina				
N.Y. Jets	at	Oakland				
Atlanta	at	Dallas				
Chicago	at	Cincinnati				
New Orleans	at	Miami				
Arizona	at	N.Y. Giants				
Open:	Denver, Seattle, Detroit, Jacksonville, Baltimore, Tennessee					
Monday, Oct. 26						
Philadelphia	at	Washington				
Saints 48, Giants 27						
N.Y. Giants	3	14	0	10 - 27		
New Orleans	14	20	7	7 - 48		
First Quarter						
NO	Bell 2 run (Carney kick), 7:19.					
NO	Shockey 1 pass from Brees (Carney kick), 2:11.					
NYG	FG Tynes 49, :03.					
Second Quarter						
NO	Meachem 36 pass from Brees (kick blocked), 12:40.					
NYG	Bradshaw 10 run (Tynes kick), 7:41.					
NO	Moore 12 pass from Brees (Carney kick), 5:04.					
NYG	Manningham 15 pass from Manning (Tynes kick), 3:19.					
NO	Bush 7 run (Carney kick), :09.					
Third Quarter						
NO	Colston 12 pass from Brees (Carney kick), 4:10.					
Fourth Quarter						
NYG	FG Tynes 38, 12:09.					
NO	H.Evans 2 run (Carney kick), 7:04.					
NYG	Nicks 37 pass from Carr (Tynes kick), 3:15.					
A	70-011.					
First downs	17	28				
Total Net Yards	325	493				
Rushes-yards	19-84	39-133				
Passing	241	360				
Punt Returns	2-51	2-0				
Kickoff Returns	8-230	4-91				
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	1-11				
Comp-Att-Int	18-36-1	23-30-0				
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-9	1-9				
Punts	4-46.5	4-45.0				
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0				
Penalties-Yards	9-110	6-55				
Time of Possession	23:53	36:07				
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS						
Rushing	N.Y. Giants, Bradshaw 10-48, Jacobs 7-33, Carr 1-4, Manning 1-(minus 1).					
New Orleans	P.Thomas 15-72, Bell 15-34, Bush 6-17, Brees 1-6, H.Evans 1-2, Meachem 1-2.					
Passing	N.Y. Giants, Manning 14-31-1-178, Carr 4-5-0-72.					
New Orleans	Brees 23-30-0-369.					
Receiving	N.Y. Giants, Nicks 5-114, Manningham 4-50, Smith 4-44, Hixon 3-22, Boss 1-18, Jacobs 1-2.					
New Orleans	Colston 8-166, Moore 6-78, Shockey 4-37, Meachem 2-70, Bush 1-7, Henderson 1-6, H.Evans 1-5.					
Vikings 33, Ravens 31						
Baltimore	0	3	7	21 - 31		
Minnesota	14	0	6	13 - 33		
First Quarter						
Min	Shiancoe 19 pass from Favre (Longwell kick), 11:25.					
Min	Bercow 4 pass from Favre (Longwell kick), 6:16.					
Second Quarter						
Bal	FG Hauschka 29, :00.					
Third Quarter						
Min	FG Longwell 40, 7:16.					
Bal	Rice 22 run (Hauschka kick), 4:13.					
Min	FG Longwell 22, 2:05.					
Fourth Quarter						
Min	Shiancoe 1 pass from Favre (Longwell kick), 10:08.					
Bal	Clayton 32 pass from Flacco (Hauschka kick), 8:32.					
Min	FG Longwell 29, 6:01.					
Bal	Mason 12 pass from Flacco (Hauschka kick), 5:12.					
Bal	Rice 33 run (Hauschka kick), 3:37.					
Min	FG Longwell 31, 1:56.					
A	63-689.					
First downs	20	19				
Total Net Yards	448	426				
Rushes-yards	18-81	31-167				
Passing	367	259				
Punt Returns	4-10	5-35				
Kickoff Returns	8-182	5-81				
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	21-29				
Comp-Att-Int	28-43-0	21-29-0				
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-18	3-19				
Punts	7-48.9	5-45.4				
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	0-0				
Penalties-Yards	6-74	3-15				
Time of Possession	25:17	34:43				
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS						
Rushing	Baltimore, Rice 10-77, McGahey 7-3, L.McClain 1-1. Minnesota, Peterson 22-143, Taylor 8-22, Harvin 1-2.					
Passing	Baltimore, Flacco 28-43-0-385. Minnesota, Favre 21-29-0-278.					
Receiving	Baltimore, Rice 10-117, Mason 7-67, Clayton 3-57, Heap 3-51, K.Washington 3-48, Williams 1-17, L.McClain 1-(minus 2). Minnesota, Rice 6-176, Shiancoe 4-48, Peterson 4-23, Bernier 3-18, Harvin 2-10, Kleinsasser 1-3, Tahi 1-0.					
Missed field goals	Baltimore, Hauschka 4-4 (WL).					
Chiefs 14, Redskins 6						
Kansas City	0	3	3	8 - 14		
Washington	0	0	6	0 - 6		
Second Quarter						
KC	FG Succop 39, 5:34.					
Third Quarter						
Was	FG Suisham 40, 11:17.					
Was	FG Suisham 28, 6:01.					
KC	FG Succop 46, 1:07.					
Fourth Quarter						
KC	FG Succop 46, 3:36.					
KC	FG Succop 24, :37.					
KC	Hali safety, :26.					
A	79-572.					
First downs	16	7				
Total Net Yards	268	265				
Rushes-yards	35-110	20-118				
Passing	158	147				
Punt Returns	4-32	4-19				
Kickoff Returns	3-79	5-98				
Interceptions Ret.	1-33	0-0				
Comp-Att-Int	17-32-0	15-30-1				
Sacked-Yards Lost	5-28	3-17				
Punts	7-39.0	8-35.8				
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	4-1				
Penalties-Yards	4-30	7-63				
Time of Possession	37:10	22:50				
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS						
Rushing	Kansas City, L.Johnson 23-83, Cassel 6-16, Charles 4-6, Wade 1-3, Cox 1-2. Washington, Portis 15-109, Campbell 2-6, D.Thomas 1-2, Betts 1-1, Collins 1-0.					
Passing	Kansas City, Cassel 17-32-0-186. Washington, Campbell 9-16-1-89, Collins 6-14-0-75.					
Receiving	Kansas City, Bowe 6-109, Wade 3-25, L.Johnson 3-12, Bradley 2-22, Wynn 1-11, Pop 1-5, Charles 1-2. Washington, Cooley 5-57, Portis 1-55, Randle El 2-23, Betts 2-11, Moss 1-42, Davis 1-12, Sellers 1-4.					
Panthers 28, Buccaneers 21						
Carolina	0	7	14	7 - 28		
Tampa Bay	0	7	7	7 - 21		
First Quarter						
TB	Williams 20 run (Andrus kick), 10:57.					
Second Quarter						
Car	D.Williams 20 run (Kasay kick), 11:48.					
Third Quarter						
Car	King 1 pass from Delhomme (Kasay kick), 12:17.					
Car	Stewart 26 run (Kasay kick), 2:33.					
TB	Stroghter 97 kickoff return (Andrus kick), 2:17.					
Fourth Quarter						
TB	Jackson 26 interception return (Andrus kick), 8:33.					
Car	D.Williams 1 run (Kasay kick), :29.					
A	62-422.					
First downs	22	12				
Total Net Yards	322	245				
Rushes-yards	48-267	25-124				
Passing	7-55	12-61				
Punt Returns	1-34	1-6				
Kickoff Returns	3-59	4-167				
Interceptions Ret.	1-24	2-28				
Comp-Att-Int	9-17-2	11-17-1				
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-10	4-26				
Fumbles-Lost	3-40.7	4-40.8				
Penalties-Yards	5-1	5-1				
Time of Possession	32:21	27:39				
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS						
Rushing	Carolina, D.Williams 30-152, Stewart 17-110, Delhomme 1-5. Tampa Bay, Williams 16-77, L.Johnson 8-45, Ward 1-2.					
Passing	Carolina, Delhomme 9-17-2-65. Tampa Bay, L.Johnson 11-17-1-147.					
Receiving	Carolina, Muhammad 3-27, D.Williams 2-20, King 2-8, Rosario 1-6, Smith 1-4. Tampa Bay, Stroghter 3-65, Wynn 1-29, Bryant 2-37, Clayton 1-9, Ward 1-5, Graham 1-2.					
Missed field goals	Carolina, Kasay 52 (BK). Tampa Bay, Andrus 43 (SH).					
Steelers 27, Browns 14						
Cleveland	0	7	7	0 - 14		
Pittsburgh	0	17	7	3 - 27		
Second Quarter						
Pit	Miller 8 pass from Roethlisberger (Reed kick), 11:26.					
Pit	Ward 52 pass from Roethlisberger (Reed kick), 4:28.					
Cle	Cribbs 98 kickoff return (Cundiff kick), 4:15.					
Pit	FG Reed 32, :07.					
Third Quarter						
Cle	Vickers 11 pass from Anderson (Cundiff kick), 11:39.					
Pit	Mendenhall 2 run (Reed kick), 8:32.					
Fourth Quarter						
Pit	FG Reed 39, 5:42.					
A	64-398.					
First downs	12	28				
Total Net Yards	197	543				
Rushes-yards	23-91	36-140				
Passing	106	403				
Punt Returns	1-26	1-1				
Kickoff Returns	5-153	2-55				
Interceptions Ret.	1-32	2-3				
Comp-Att-Int	9-26-2	23-35-1				
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-16	3-14				
Punts	5-43.0	2-45.5				
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	3-3				
Penalties-Yards	4-45	4-30				
Time of Possession	23:14	36:46				
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS						
Rushing	Cleveland, Cribbs 6-45, Harbin 5-26, Lewis 11-21. Pittsburgh, Roethlisberger 23-35-1-417.					
Receiving	Cleveland, Massaquoi 5-83, Lewis 2-15, Robiskie 1-23, Vickers 1-1. Pittsburgh, Ward 8-159, Holmes 5-104, Miller 5-80, Wallace 2-50, Mendenhall 2-15, Parker 1-9.					
Passing	Cleveland, Anderson 9-24-1-122, Cribbs 0-2-1-0. Pittsburgh, Roethlisberger 23-35-1-417.					
Missed field goals	Cleveland, Wallace 1-1.					
Packers 26, Lions 0						
Detroit	0	0	0	0 - 0		
Green Bay	14	9	3	0 - 26		
First Quarter						
GB	J.Jones 47 pass from Rodgers (Crosby kick), 11:27.					
GB	Kuhn 1 pass from Rodgers (Crosby kick), 7:20.					
Second Quarter						
GB	FG Crosby 46, 7:22.					
GB	FG Crosby 28, 1:56.					
GB	FG Crosby 31, :05.					
Third Quarter						
GB	FG Crosby 26, 7:43.					
A	70-801.					
First downs	10	23				
Total Net Yards	149	435				
Rushes-yards	18-78	30-107				
Passing	71	328				
Punt Returns	1-0	3-46				
Kickoff Returns	7-106	1-29				
Interceptions Ret.	1-5	1-3				
Comp-Att-Int	11-25-3	29-37-1				
Sacked-Yards Lost	5-34	6-30				
Punts	5-39.2	2-41.0				
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	3-1				
Penalties-Yards	6-40	13-130				
Time of Possession	19:12	40:48				
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS						
Rushing	Detroit, K.Smith 15-61, Brown 12-3, Felton 1-4. Green Bay, Grant 24-90, Rodgers 3-9, Jackson 2-6, Kuhn 1-2.					
Passing	Detroit, Stanton 5-11-2-57, Culpepper 6-14-1-48. Green Bay, Rodgers 29-37-1-358.					
Receiving	Detroit, Northcutt 5-40, B.Jackson 2-27, Helton 1-22, Williams 1-7, Stanford 5, Felton 1-2. Green Bay, Driver 7-107, Jennings 6-64, Finley 5-54, D.Lee 3-39, Grant 3-17, J.Jones 2-55, Jackson 1-12, Havner 1-9, Kuhn 1-1.					
Jaguars 23, Rams 20 (OT)						
St. Louis	7	3	0	10 - 0		
Jacksonville	6	0	0	14 - 23		
First Quarter						
StL	Avery 17 pass from Bulger (Jo. Brown kick), 10:10.					
Jac	Jones-Drew 4 run (run failed), 7:43.					
Second Quarter						
StL	FG Jo.Brown 22, :37.					
Fourth Quarter						
Jac	Jones-Drew 1 run (Scobee kick), 8:05.					
StL	Little 36 interception return (Jo. Brown kick), 4:36.					
Jac	Jones-Drew 3 run (Scobee kick), 1:53.					
StL	FG Jo.Brown 27, :04.					
Jac	FG Scobee 36, 8:00.					
A	42-088.					
First downs	13	33				
Total Net Yards	262	492				
Rushes-yards	18-55	38-166				
Passing	207	326				
Punt Returns	1-11	2-8				
Kickoff Returns	4-125	5-113				
Interceptions Ret.	2-57	1-17				
Comp-Att-Int	22-34-1	30-43-2				
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-6	3-9				
Punts	6-43.2	4-36.3				
Fumbles-Lost	6-52	3-15				
Penalties-Yards	6-52	3-15				
Time of Possession	24:48	42:12				

Zowie! Zorn shorn of play-calling

The Associated Press

ASHBURN, Va. — You're not calling plays anymore, Jim Zorn. Sherm Lewis is coming out of retirement to do it for you.

With a pained expression, Washington Redskins coach Zorn announced Monday that the front office "strongly suggested" that he yield his play-calling duties to a consultant hired only two weeks ago. While he didn't say he was given an ultimatum, Zorn said he would comply with the request "because I want to stay here and win."

"Sometimes we have to do things that are uncomfortable," Zorn said.

Zorn received the news during a meeting with front office chief Vinny Cerrato at the stadium following Sunday's 14-6 loss to the previously winless Kansas City Chiefs. The Redskins (2-4) are averaging 13.2 points and have failed to score a touchdown in two of their home games.

"The reason I can comply with this is simply because of the lack of scoring," Zorn said. "I want to win, too. If this has to be done this week, if this is going to be the key, I'm certainly willing to give it a try. Because we're 2-4 and to not score in the last few weeks, the way we have not scored, is very frustrating."

Barely a fortnight ago, Lewis was enjoying retirement in Michigan, calling Bingo games at a senior center and delivering Meals on Wheels. He previously spent 22 years as an NFL assistant before retiring after the 2004



Nick Wass/AP

Washington coach Jim Zorn walks off the field after the Redskins' 14-6 loss to the Kansas City Chiefs on Sunday at Landover, Md.

season. The Redskins lured him back into football as a consultant for the struggling offense.

And now — Bingo! — he's the play caller.

"This is not an easy thing. ... I feel for Sherm because he's been here for two weeks," Zorn said. "We're going to give him as much help as we possibly can to get a spark out of our offense. ... My comfort level is somewhere between 1 and 10. It's not at 10, but it's something that I'm going to have to grow into."

Several players were taken

aback by the notion of trusting such a vital role to someone not yet thoroughly familiar with the roster.

"I don't think it's an ideal situation," quarterback Todd Collins said. "Generally, you have some play-callers work with a quarterback for years and years. This is going to be a quick change for us, but it seems like drastic measures are called for when we haven't been playing so well on offense."

Receiver Antwaan Randle El called the move to Lewis "a little weird."

"Some guys weren't even kind of sure who he was," Randle El said. "But that's just because they didn't get around and try to talk to him. But again it just kind of goes back to shaking things up."

Zorn noted that the move has the potential to hurt team chemistry.

"The seriousness of the decision to do this is that we lose cohesiveness in our team," Zorn said. "Now where's the cohesiveness in six points a game? See what I mean? So I'm hoping this is a positive."

Lewis will sit in the upstairs coaching box to call the plays, starting with next Monday night's game against the Philadelphia Eagles. Zorn will relay Lewis' calls to the quarterback. Zorn said he'll retain control over big decisions — such as whether to go on fourth down — but that he won't veto Lewis' play calls.

"I wouldn't do that to Sherm," Zorn said.

The Redskins weren't offering much more insight Monday. Cerrato declined comment through a team spokesman. The spokesman also said Lewis was in meetings and unavailable for comment.

That left Zorn by himself at the podium, looking like a coach twisting in the wind. If the team continues to struggle, a foreseeable next step would be his dismissal, with one of the defensive assistants taking over as head coach and Lewis handling the offense.

Zorn, however, said the season is still salvageable. If nothing else,

he should be able to focus more on game management. Wasted timeouts and sloppy two-minute drills have become a mainstay during his 22 games in Washington.

Zorn is the third consecutive Redskins head coach to relinquish play-calling because of a stagnant offense, although he's the first to have it essentially stripped by the front office. Steve Spurrier handed the reins to Hue Jackson for a couple of games in 2003, and Joe Gibbs brought in Al Saunders to run the offense after the 2005 season.

For Zorn, the move is a particularly harsh blow because he feels he had a knack for calling plays. The chance to take that role for the first time in the NFL was one reason he relished coming to the Redskins in the first place.

"I'm sure he's not happy with it," Collins said. "He came here and he wanted to call the plays, and now it's taken away from him."

Zorn said he had to do a "soul search" Sunday night before saying yes to Cerrato. Changing the play caller certainly wasn't at the top of his to-do list for the week.

"I have confidence in my play calls," Zorn said.

Zorn at least still gets to decide who is playing quarterback. He said he hasn't decided whether to go with Jason Campbell or Collins against the Eagles. Collins led two drives that ended in field goals for the Redskins' only points against the Chiefs after Campbell was benched at halftime.

Steelers' 'Big Ben' putting up big passing numbers

By ALAN ROBINSON

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Brady, Brees, Brett. Now, Big Ben?

Ben Roethlisberger is big on winning — he is 55-22 as a starter, the best record for any NFL quarterback not named Tom Brady.

Statistics? In the past, those were for the guys who didn't win Super Bowls; Roethlisberger has won two titles. Now, as coordinator Bruce Arians keeps opening up the Steelers' long-conservative offense, it's Roethlisberger — not Brady or Drew Brees or Brett Favre — who leads the NFL in passing.

Not even Terry Bradshaw did that in Pittsburgh and won Super Bowls, too.

Roethlisberger didn't finish in

the top 10 in yards passing during either of the two seasons the Steelers won the Super Bowl with him, 2005 or 2008, and he's never finished higher than eighth.

After throwing for 417 yards Sunday while beating Cleveland 27-14 for the most by any Pittsburgh quarterback during a victory, Roethlisberger leads the NFL with 1,887 yards passing, 77 more than Houston's Matt Schaub. Roethlisberger also is No. 2 in completion percentage (72.5), No. 2 in yards per game (314.5) and No. 4 in passer rating (104.5).

"We're putting the ball in his hands," said wide receiver Hines Ward — though, in reality it's the other way around. "When you talk about the elite, he's right up there. He's definitely displaying the tal-

ents and abilities to be a great quarterback in this league."

There's been no major alteration in Roethlisberger's game that's led to his greatly increased statistics. Rather, it has been more of a progression, with former coordinator Ken Whisenand and now Arians increasingly handing over more of the offense to him.

Roethlisberger, for example, constantly pushed to run the no-huddle offense. Now, he's being allowed to do that consistently, with obvious success. Roethlisberger, who began this season with seven 300-yard games in five seasons, is averaging 314.5 yards.

"When I get to the no-huddle, it's just, 'Let's get in the shotgun and start slinging it around,'" Roethlisberger said. "I think if you ask the receivers, they like

it. Two guys had over 100 yards (against Cleveland). Heath (Miller) had a lot of yards. The backs are getting the ball. Everybody is getting touches, so I think they like it as well."

The Steelers (4-2) are even bringing the tight end into the passing game, something they always talk about but never seem to do. Miller, mostly a blocker and part-time receiver, is second among tight ends with 34 catches and four TDs in three games.

Only Indianapolis (326) is averaging more yards per game passing than Pittsburgh (296.7). At his current pace, Roethlisberger would become not only the first Steelers QB to throw for 4,000 yards in a season — Bradshaw passed for 3,724 in 1979 — but for 5,000.

"This is the best I've ever seen him play," Miller said. "I've seen him play pretty darn good sometimes. I just think the more you do something, the more comfortable you are with it and Ben has full command of this offense. He's had full command for a few years now, but he just keeps getting better and better."

In the past, defenses slowed Roethlisberger by blitzing him, and he was sacked an NFL-high 192 times from 2004-08. Only Marc Bulger (191) of St. Louis was within 20 sacks of him.

The Steelers' pass protection has been much improved this season, with Roethlisberger going down 16 times, or nine fewer than league leader Aaron Rodgers of Green Bay.

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Gators, Tide, Horns lead BCS standings

Top three teams control own destiny in title race

By RALPH D. RUSSO
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Florida, Alabama and Texas hold the top three spots in the first BCS standings and control their fates in the national championship race.

The Gators (.988) are in first, just ahead of the Crimson Tide (.952). Texas (.891) is third.

Boise State (.808) is fourth, but the Broncos still seem to be a long shot to play for a national championship.

Florida is No. 1 in the two polls used by the Bowl Championship Series — the USA Today coaches' poll and Harris poll — and rated highest by the computers. The polls make up two-thirds of a BCS grade and a compilation of six computer ratings accounts for the other third.

Alabama is second in all the components. Texas is third in the two polls and sixth in the computer ratings.

With the strength of their remaining schedules, the Gators, Tide and Longhorns just need to win out to reach the BCS title game on Jan. 7 at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif., according to BCS analyst Jerry Palm.

Alabama and Florida would play each other in the Southeastern Conference championship game if each remains undefeated.

While the top teams in the standings are in good position, history is not on their side.

In the first 11 years of the BCS, the top two teams in the first standings have reached the title game once. Texas and Southern California did it in 2005 season. Overall, 10 of the 22 teams that were ranked first or second in the first standings made it all the way to the championship game.

That would seem to be good news for unbeaten Boise State, but the Broncos have other problems.

"The national championship is not realistic for them," Palm said.

College Bowl Series standings

Games through Oct. 17

RANK	TEAM	BCS AVG.	HARRIS INTERACTIVE	USA TODAY	COMPUTER RANKING
1.	Florida	0.9886	1	1	1
2.	Alabama	0.9526	2	2	2
3.	Texas	0.8911	3	3	6
4.	Boise State	0.8083	5	5	5
5.	Cincinnati	0.7870	6	6	4
6.	Iowa	0.7869	7	8	3
7.	USC	0.7695	4	4	11
8.	TCU	0.7139	8	7	8
9.	LSU	0.7083	9	10	7
10.	Miami, Fla.	0.6273	10	9	13
11.	Oregon	0.5849	12	14	9
12.	Georgia Tech	0.5702	13	13	10
13.	Penn State	0.4982	11	11	17
14.	Virginia Tech	0.4947	15	15	12
15.	Oklahoma State	0.4043	14	12	21
16.	BYU	0.2986	16	16	25
17.	Houston	0.2660	18	18	18
18.	Utah	0.2511	19	20	14
19.	Ohio State	0.2216	17	17	32
20.	Pittsburgh	0.2012	20	19	20
21.	Wisconsin	0.1180	38	31	14
22.	Arizona	0.1138	37	40	14
23.	West Virginia	0.1113	23	22	24
24.	South Carolina	0.1040	26	23	22
25.	Kansas	0.0973	21	21	33

NOTE: The BCS Average is calculated by averaging the percent totals of the Harris Interactive, USA Today Coaches and Computer polls.

Source: Bowl Championship Series

AP

"They're going to get passed. Their support in the polls is eroding each week."

Poll points, not rankings, are used in the BCS formula. Boise State lost 17 points in the coaches' poll despite moving up a spot to No. 5 this week.

Boise State, from the Western Athletic Conference, does not have another ranked team on its schedule.

The Broncos are trying to reach the BCS from a league without an automatic bid for the second time. To earn an automatic bid, teams from the WAC, Mountain West Conference, Sun Belt, Mid-American Conference and Conference USA need to finish in the top 12 of the final BCS standings.

But only one team from those leagues can bust the BCS and Boise State has competition.

"The only team that matters to Boise is TCU," Palm said.

Undefeated TCU is in eighth place. If the Horned Frogs run the table in the Mountain West, Palm said they have a good chance to pass Boise State.

"If I had to bet I would bet TCU eventually does," Palm said. "Because they're going to win a better league."

Alabama gets lesson, No. 1 ranking in AP poll

By JOHN ZENOR
The Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Nick Saban turned to LeBron James to help motivate his team.

Alabama's coach showed his team the documentary "More Than a Game" the night before the Crimson Tide faced South Carolina, trying to demonstrate how even the NBA superstar and his former summer league teammates could be felled by overconfidence.

An uneven performance and a close 20-6 victory by Alabama against South Carolina on Saturday night probably got the message across even better.

Or maybe not. Alabama's latest victory was good enough for the Crimson Tide to jump past Florida to No. 1 in the AP poll.

The Tide were in second place behind Florida in the first BCS standings.

"You don't have to be punished to learn your lesson," said Saban, who had the studio ship the DVD for the game. "There's an old saying, 'Success breeds success.' I'm not sure that's right. Most of the time people commit to being successful when something bad happens and they're committed to doing what they need to to get it fixed."

For the first time, the Tide (7-0, 4-0 Southeastern Conference) didn't necessarily look like that efficient machine that was overwhelming opponents.

Alabama breezed into the game with a consistently dominant defense, a nearly perfectly balanced offense and steady, playmaking special teams. Combine all that with only four turnovers in six games, and it's no wonder 'Bama was getting all the attention as the total package.

But Greg McElroy and the passing game misfired Saturday night against the Gamecocks (5-2, 2-2), and the balance went out the window. McElroy threw two early interceptions, lost a fumble, and Alabama



DAVE MARTIN/AP

Alabama's Marquis Johnson (24) fights for a pass with South Carolina receiver Alshon Jeffery (1) in the first half of Saturday's game at Bryant-Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa, Ala. The ball fell incomplete.

also lost possession on a botched handoff for turnover No. 4.

The defense was still dominant, but was gashed by Stephen Garcia for a 52-yard

pass and a couple of runs by the sophomore quarterback, too.

The Tide had only one offensive touchdown but were bailed out by a monster

game from relentless runner Mark Ingram, whose 246 yards rushing was the third-most in school history.

He also scored on a 4-yard run in the final five minutes. Ingram was responsible for 269 of Alabama's 356 yards, or about three-quarters of the team's production.

"It's really easy to do a good job when you have No. 22 in the backfield," offensive tackle Drew Davis said of Ingram. "He really inspires the offensive line when we know we have a good back like him. We knew what we had to do the entire game. We haven't been producing. We needed to get the job taken care of."

Alabama came in with 1,341 rushing yards, and 1,327 passing. The Tide wound up with just 90 yards through the air, and nearly three times that many rushing (264).

In other words, the game left Saban with plenty of teaching points. That includes 10 penalties for 113 yards.

"I really think that's a sign of a good team," he said. "I'm proud of our players for being able to go out there and earn this and fight their way through it and doing what they need to do to win the game. You can say it's winning ugly or whatever, but it's still winning."

"There are lessons to be learned when you play games like this."

For one thing, it's not as easy to coast through the SEC as Alabama had been making it look. South Carolina and Mississippi both were ranked entering the games the past two weeks, and they combined to produce just three field goals. Next up is Tennessee, followed by an open date and a visit by No. 9 LSU, the only ranked team remaining on Alabama's schedule.

Saban wasn't surprised the Tide struggled some.

"I kind of had a feeling that this was going to be a really tough game," he said. "Psychologically this is a tough league to be at your best every week."

Sports briefs

Teammates were with fatally stabbed UConn player

The Associated Press

STORRS, Conn. — One teammate performed first aid while another comforted a University of Connecticut football player who was fatally stabbed during a fight outside a school-sanctioned dance over the weekend, their coach said Monday.

Coach Randy Edsall wouldn't identify the teammates or say how many players witnessed the fight that led to the death of Jasper Howard, 20. A second player also was stabbed, but received only minor injuries.

"One had Jasper in his arms and the other was pressuring where the wound went in and had blood on his hands," Edsall said. "And those two young men are pretty deeply affected right now."

The state's medical examiner's office said Monday that Howard died from a single stab wound to the abdomen. The death was ruled a homicide.

Howard, a junior and starting cornerback, came to the school to get away from the violence on the streets of his hometown of Miami. He was the first in his family to go to college.

Police interviewed dozens of witnesses on Monday but said there were no suspects and no arrests, although around 300 people were in the area when a fire alarm sounded and students evacuated the building.

"We're pursuing active investigative leads," UConn police Maj. Ronal Blicher said. "The investigation will continue into this week."

Police arrested a Hartford man, Johnny Hood, 21, after the stabbing and charged him with interfering with an officer and breach of peace. Hood was identified by witnesses as being involved in the altercation, and gave police a false name, according to an incident report. Hood was arraigned Monday and ordered held on \$100,000 bond.

He has not been charged with Howard's death. Blicher said authorities were anticipating no "significant changes in the investigation" Monday.

A second player stabbed in the attack, Brian Parker, 19, of Sarasota, Fla., identified Hood as one of those involved, according to a police report. Parker, a sophomore wide receiver who is academically ineligible to play this season, was treated at a hospital and released.

In other college football news:

■ Texas quarterback Colt McCoy said Monday he plans to play Saturday against Missouri, despite a bruised right thumb that will likely lose it nail.

McCoy hurt his throwing hand in the second quarter of the Longhorns' 16-13 victory over No. 25 Oklahoma on Saturday. He struggled through one of the worst passing games of his career, completing 21 of 40 for 127 yards with one touchdown and one interception.

Klitschko to meet Johnson in Bern on Dec. 12

GENEVA — WBC heavyweight



JESSICA HILL/AP

Connecticut football head coach Randy Edsall, left, comforts senior captain Desi Cullen, right, during a news conference Sunday about the stabbing death of teammate Jasper Howard in Storrs, Conn.

champion Vitali Klitschko (38-2, 7 knockouts) will defend his title in Bern on Dec. 12 against American Kevin Johnson of the United States.

Klitschko, 38, defeated Cris Arreola last month in Los Angeles, winning after Arreola's corner wouldn't let him out for the 11th round.

Johnson, 30, is 22-0-1 with nine knockouts. In May, he beat Devin Vargas in a matchup of undefeated fighters. The fight will be Klitschko's third title defense of the year, having also stopped Juan Carlos Gomez in the ninth round in May.

Johnson is ranked No. 6 by the WBA and WBC.

Autopsies planned for three who died in Detroit marathon

DETROIT — Family and friends of three runners who died during the Detroit marathon said each had trained for the race and were unsure what could have caused the deaths.

Autopsies were scheduled for Monday.

Officials said Daniel Langdon, 36, collapsed Sunday between the 11- and 12-mile markers. Rick Brown, 65, collapsed 15 minutes later, near where Langdon went down.

Jon Fenlon, 26, collapsed a minute later, just after finishing the 13.1-mile half-marathon in 1 hour, 53 minutes, 37 seconds.

The deaths were the first in the marathon since one runner died in 1994.

Southern Illinois guard Hare dismissed from team

CARBONDALE, Ill. — Southern Illinois guard Ryan Hare was kicked off the team on Sunday, a month after being suspended while facing battery and felony trespassing charges.

Coach Chris Lowery announced the dismissal Sunday, citing a violation of unspecified team rules and policies.

Hare, a sophomore from Chicago, was charged in Jackson County last month with battery and trespassing after a disturbance involving one of his acquaintances, who was treated at a hospital.

Hare started all but five of the Salukis' games last season, averaging nearly eight points and

three rebounds per game.

In other college basketball news:

■ Two University of Louisville basketball players were sentenced to one year of probation on Monday after pleading guilty to a charge stemming from an altercation with off-duty police at a southern Indiana restaurant earlier this month.

Guard Jerry Smith, 22, and forward Terrence Jennings, 20, must complete 40 hours of community service and pay about \$500 in court costs as part of their pleas on a charge of resisting law enforcement, a misdemeanor.

Mariners' Johjima opts out of last 2 years of contract

SEATTLE — The Seattle Mariners' Kenji Johjima opted out of the final two years of his contract Monday, allowing him to sign with a Japanese team.

In April 2008, Seattle signed the catcher, 33, to a \$24 million, three-year extension covering 2009-11. He gave up salaries of \$7.7 million next year and \$8.1 million in 2011.

His deal gave him the right to end it by Nov. 15 for the purpose of finishing his career in Japan.

In other baseball news:

■ Former Washington manager Manny Acta is getting a second interview with the Cleveland Indians.

Acta, fired by the Nationals in July, will meet with Indians owner Paul Dolan, general manager Mark Shapiro and other front-office personnel on Tuesday. The Indians said Acta would be available to the media afterward.

The Indians fired Eric Wedge in September.

Steelers kicker Reed cited for public intoxication

PITTSBURGH — Pittsburgh Steelers kicker Jeff Reed was cited by city police for public intoxication and disorderly conduct Sunday outside a bar a couple of blocks from where the team beat the Cleveland Browns a few hours earlier.

Police said Reed was cited outside McFadden's Bar about 9 p.m. Sunday.

Reed kicked two field goals in the 27-14 victory.

It is Reed's second brush with

the law this year.

He paid \$543 in fines and restitution after pleading guilty to disorderly conduct and criminal mischief for damaging a paper towel dispenser in a convenience store bathroom in New Alexandria, Pa., in February.

Team spokesman Dave Lockett said the team was still gathering information and has no comment.

Police said Reed would be mailed a summons to appear in city court.

In other NFL news:

■ Veteran San Francisco linebacker Jeff Ulbrich won't play again this season because of a concussion.

The 49ers placed Ulbrich, 32, on injured reserve Monday, ending his season. He sustained a concussion on the opening kickoff against St. Louis on Oct. 4 and was examined by a neurologist last week. Coach Mike Singletary said Monday the team concluded it was in Ulbrich's best interest to go on IR.

■ Defensive end Antwan Odom will miss the rest of the season because of a torn Achilles' tendon, costing the Cincinnati Bengals their top pass rusher.

Odom had surgery on his right leg Monday and was placed on injured reserve.

■ Atlanta Falcons cornerback Brian Williams will miss the rest of the season with a knee injury suffered in Sunday night's victory over the Chicago Bears.

Coach Mike Smith said Monday that Williams tore the anterior cruciate ligament "and some other things" in his right knee.

■ Arizona wide receiver Anquan Boldin has a sprained right ankle that makes his status uncertain for Sunday night's game at the New York Giants.

The three-time Pro Bowl player was injured in the second quarter of Sunday's 27-3 road victory over the Seattle Seahawks. He returned to play in the third quarter, but was removed from the game with the Cardinals comfortably ahead.

■ Baltimore Ravens defensive back Samari Rolle almost certainly won't play this season because of a neck injury.

Rolle, 33, was placed on the physically unable to perform list in August in the hope he might return, but surgery didn't correct the problem.

Now his career could be over. Rolle missed six games in 2008 because of the injury. He underwent surgery last year, too, and has not practiced with the team this season.

■ New York Jets nose tackle Kris Jenkins was placed on injured reserve Monday with a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee, ending his season.

Coach Rex Ryan said the team would re-sign veteran defensive tackle Howard Green to make up for the loss of Jenkins.

■ Buffalo Bills quarterback Trent Edwards needs further evaluation after the second concussion of his NFL career, leaving the starter's status uncertain for Sunday's game at Carolina.

Coach Dick Jauron said Monday that Edwards was healthy enough to travel home with the team after he was knocked out in the second quarter of a 16-13 overtime victory at the New York Jets on Sunday.

"We'll take that day to day and see how he comes out of this thing," Jauron said.

Lloyd agrees to terms with Sky Blue FC

SOMERSET, N.J. — U.S. national team midfielder Carli Lloyd agreed Monday to contract terms with Women's Professional Soccer champion Sky Blue FC.

The contract with the 2008 U.S. Soccer Female Athlete of the Year is pending league approval, the New Jersey-based team said.

A former Rutgers star, Lloyd became a free agent after playing her first WPS season with the Chicago Red Stars.

Lloyd scored the game-winning goal in the 2008 Olympics in Beijing against Brazil.

Wild acquire Kobasew in trade with Bruins

ST. PAUL, Minn. — The Minnesota Wild acquired right wing Chuck Kobasew from Boston on Sunday in a deal that sent right wings Craig Weller and Alexander Fallstrom to the Bruins.

The Wild also sent the rights to their second-round pick in the 2011 draft.

Kobasew, 27, had one assist in seven games with the Bruins this season. He had 21 goals and 21 assists in 68 games last season, reaching the 20-goal mark for the third time in his career.

The Wild have scored 15 goals while going 1-6, and forwards Pierre-Marc Bouchard, Cal Clutterbuck, Martin Havlat and Petr Sykora have been out with injuries.

AP source: WNBA's Shock moving to Tulsa

DETROIT — A Detroit Shock official said Monday the WNBA team is moving to Tulsa, Okla.

The official spoke on the condition of anonymity to The Associated Press because he was not authorized to make the announcement.

Detroit made its debut in the league in 1998 and won titles in 2003, 2006 and 2008. The Shock lost last month to the Indiana Fever in the Eastern Conference finals after rallying to earn a playoff spot.

Jockey dies after fall from horse in Oklahoma

OKLAHOMA CITY — The Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission said Monday it is investigating the death of Texas jockey Mark Pace, who was thrown from his horse during a thoroughbred race at Blue Ribbon Downs in Salisaw, Okla., over the weekend.

Racetrack general manager Blaine Storey said Pace, 58, died Sunday after falling off his mount, Reep What You Sow, during the first race. According to the race chart, the horse, a 60-1 long shot, hit the rail on the backstretch, lost its jockey and did not finish.

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NFL: PATRIOTS 59, TITANS 0

A blizzard of Brady TDs

Five second-quarter scores set record as Pats roll Titans

By HOWARD ULMAN
The Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — This was the history-making Tom Brady everyone remembers.

And those were the hapless Tennessee Titans fans are beginning to expect.

Brady threw six touchdown passes — five in one quarter, an NFL mark — and the Patriots sent the Titans plummeting to a new low in their winless season with a 59-0 victory on a snowy Sunday.

Brady threw those five TD passes in the second quarter and the Patriots built the biggest half-time lead in league history, 45-0. The six touchdown throws tied Brady's own team record. And the 59-point margin matched the largest since the NFL-AFL merger in 1970, the Los Angeles Rams' 59-0 victory over the Atlanta Falcons in 1976.

"Every week we're learning something more about ourselves and what we can do," Brady said. "There's no doubt a game like this can give you a lot of confidence."

The Patriots (4-2) gained a club-record 619 yards, with Brady completing 29 of 34 passes for 380 yards and matching the number of scoring passes he totaled in his first five games. In 2007, he set an NFL record with 50 touchdown passes and was the league's MVP.

Sunday's performance was, by far, his best of an inconsistent comeback year after a knee injury ended his 2008 season in the opener.

"Back to his old self," said Wes Welker, who caught 10 passes for a career-high 150 yards and two touchdowns.

It was the worst game in what has become an increasingly terrible season for the Titans (0-6), who have lost their last three by

NFL's largest margin of victory

73 — Chicago def. Washington 73-0, Dec. 8, 1940 (NFL Championship)
64 — Philadelphia def. Cincinnati 64-0, Nov. 6, 1934
62 — Akron def. Oorang 62-0, Oct. 29, 1922
60 — Rock Island def. Evansville 60-0, Oct. 15, 1922
60 — Chicago Cardinals def. Rochester 60-0, Oct. 7, 1923
59 — Cleveland def. Washington 62-3, Nov. 7, 1954
59 — Cleveland def. Rochester 59-0, Oct. 26, 1924
59 — Chicago Cardinals def. Milwaukee 59-0, Dec. 10, 1925
59 — Los Angeles def. Atlanta 59-0, Dec. 4, 1976
59 — New England def. Tennessee 59-0, Oct. 18, 2009

20, 22 and 59 points after posting the NFL's best record (13-3) last year.

They took their worst loss since they began play in 1960 as the Houston Oilers, eclipsing the 61-7 setback to Cincinnati in 1989. They won their first 10 games last season.

"I don't think anybody in this league is 59 points better than us," tight end Bo Scaife said. "This is the worst it gets."

The white-and-powder-blue throwback uniforms the Titans wore to mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of the AFL may have been the only resemblance to that team that won that league's inaugural championship.

"I'm disappointed and embarrassed," Tennessee coach Jeff Fisher said. "Fortunately for me, career-wise, I have never been through anything like this before and, unfortunately, it happened tonight. I can assure you one thing, it's not going to happen again."

The Titans couldn't even stop New England when Brian Hoyer, a free agent rookie from Michigan State, took over for Brady on the second series of the third quarter with the score 52-0. He complet-

ed nine of 11 passes for 52 yards in his pro debut and scored on a 1-yard run on his first series.

By that time, the wide empty spaces in the snow-covered stands matched the huge gaps in the Titans' defense that played without injured starting cornerbacks Cortland Finnegan and Nick Harper. Rookies started in their spots.

"You never go into a game thinking it's going to be like this," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said. "It's just our day today."

Their longest play this season had covered 36 yards, but they led 10-0 after one quarter on a 45-yard run by Laurence Maroney and a 33-yard field goal by Stephen Gostkowski.

Then came Brady's historic second quarter: touchdown passes to Randy Moss of 40 and 28 yards, to Kevin Faulk of 38 yards, and to Welker of 30 and 5 yards.

"I saw frustration, but not a lack of effort," Fisher said.

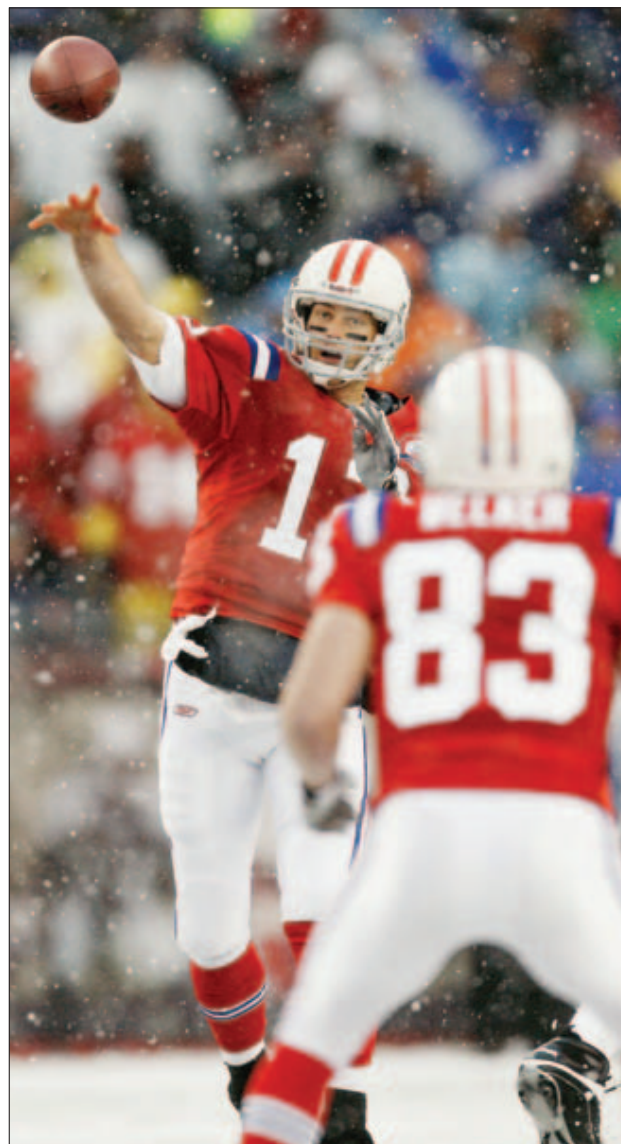
Titans defensive end Kyle Vanden Bosch said the footing as the snow fell throughout the game but left just a light coating on the field was "no good." Brady disagreed: "We had good footing and it was fun to be a part of it."

Brady came back for the first series of the third quarter and threw a 9-yard scoring pass to Moss. Then Hoyer took over and scored on a 12-play, 61-yard drive that lasted 7:42.

"I know the score got out of hand," Belichick said, "but we were just trying to run our offense."

The Patriots missed the largest margin of victory since the NFL began in 1920. The Rochester Jeffersons won 66-0 over Fort Porter, a non-league opponent, in the second week that season.

Now the Titans have an off week to regroup. The Patriots play next



WINSLOW TOWNSON/AP

New England quarterback Tom Brady throws to wide receiver Wes Welker during the first quarter Sunday in Foxborough, Mass. Welker caught two of Brady's six touchdown passes in the Patriots rout.

Sunday in London against another winless team, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

In one 17-play stretch in the second quarter, the Titans gave up three scoring passes, lost two fumbles and an interception and even had a roughing-the-passer penalty on one of those touchdowns. One positive note: Kerry Collins threw his only completion of the first half in that miserable span.

He completed only two of 12 passes for minus-7 yards. Vince Young replaced him after Hoyer's touchdown and threw an interception, one of five Tennessee turnovers, on his first play. His only other pass was an incomple-

To make the collapse a complete team effort, Reggie Hodges shanked a 21-yard punt late in the second quarter.

Tennessee's defense was so bad that New England didn't punt until 4:13 remained in the game.

A rare bright spot for Tennessee was Chris Johnson, who entered as the NFL's No. 3 rusher. He ran for 128 of the Titans' total of 186 yards.

But that was overshadowed by all the misfires, mistakes and missed assignments.

"I've been playing sports since I was 8," Titans linebacker Keith Bulluck said, "and never have I experienced something like that."

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